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会ったのは、一癖も二癖もありそうな面々ばかり。
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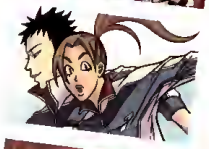

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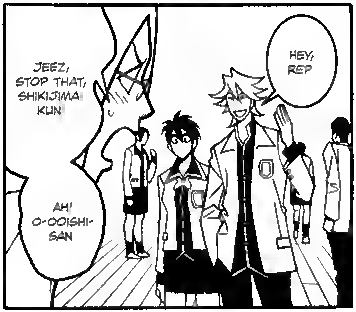
THIS IS THE PRIVATE KOKUYOU VALLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
ITS CHARACTERISTIC ARCHITECTURE IS BECAUSE TOKYO, UNDER THE INTERESTS OF THE NERIMA PREFECTURE MANAGER, USING THE EXPANSION OF THE AMUSEMENT PARK "SHIJIMAEN," ESTABLISHED IT IN THE BUILDING THAT LOOKS LIKE AN EVIL DEMON'S CASTLE.
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, IN A PLAN TO INCREASE THE ADMISSION OF SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, THE GENERAL CURRICULUM WAS UPGRADED WITH THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SPORTS SCIENCES, AIMING TO STRENGTHEN THE SPORTS TEAMS

THAT DAY...
GREETINGS TO THE FRESHMAN DELEGATE!
WAS THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY

Fight.0 DOG CATCHER

<MURMUR MURMUR>



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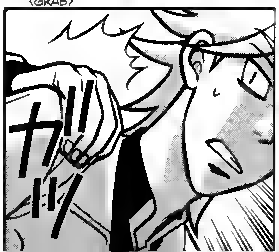
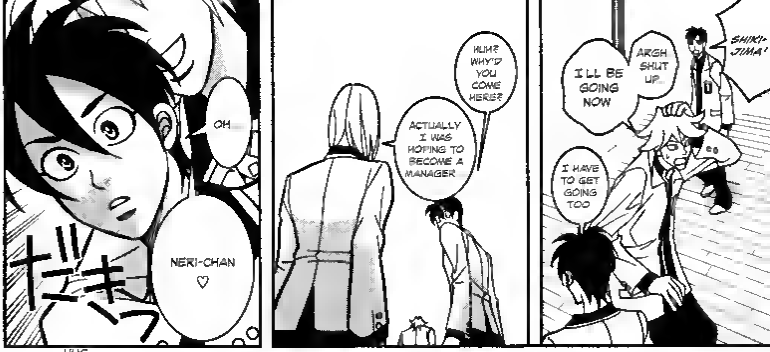


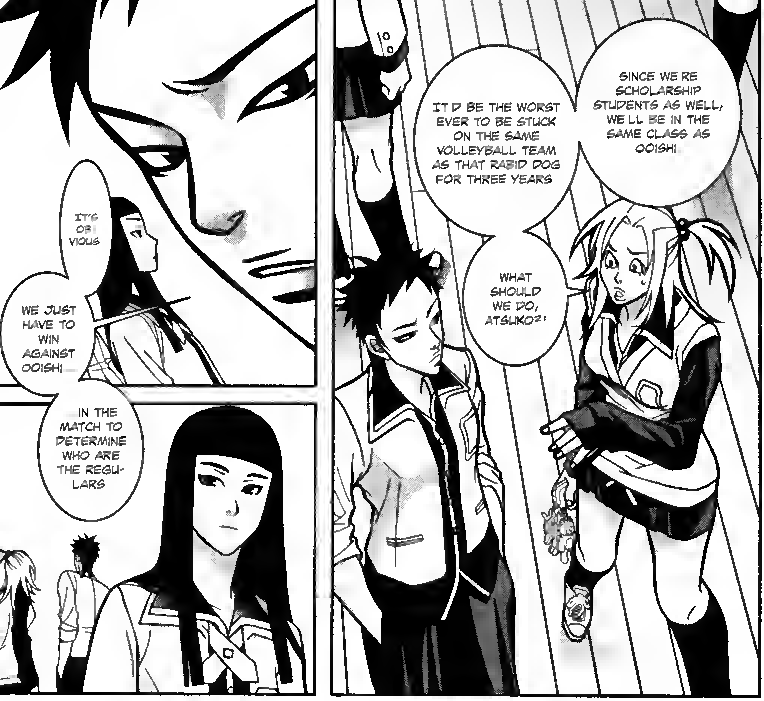
VOLLEYBALL TEAM SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS OF THE SPORTS SCIENCES STUDY AND THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN, GATHER HERE!
THOSE INTERESTED, PLEASE STAY AND WATCH.
WE'LL BE STARTING THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM EXHIBITIONS HERE NOW.

US SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND HELP THEM.
WAAH, MIKUNI!!
FOR BEING EXEMPT FROM TUITION, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT UP BY HELPING THE SCHOOL!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU PLUTOCRATIC RICH KID?
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TELLING ME I'M HERE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF YOUR FAMILY'S DONATIONS, AREN'T YOU?
Your family was affiliated with Shigenami right?
THAT'S JUST LIKE TELLING ME TO OBEY YOUR ORDERS!
(SHOCK)
SERIOUSLY... ALL YOU DO IS PLAY WITH WORDS YOU'RE COMPLETELY UNLIKE YOUR AMAZING BROTHER
AT ANY RATE COME ALONG AND DON'T YOU DARE SLACK OFF
ALL RIGHT ALREADY!! I GET IT
HE'S THE SON OF MIKUNI GROUP'S,
AND IS POINTLESSLY SERIOUS, POINTLESSLY PASSIONATE, AND SUPER-GLOOMY
I OCCASIONALLY SEE HIM IN MATCHES, SO IT'S A PROBLEM.
It looks like that in order to get him to attend here, the men's volleyball strengthening committee for several years,
UM... ISN'T MIKUNI-SAN THAT PERSON CALLED THE JUNIOR YOUNG NOBLE, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL MVP?
IS HE YOU... FRIEND?
FRIEND?! QUIT JOKING AROUND.


OH
NERI-CHAN ♡
HUG
HUM? WHY'D YOU COME HERE?
ACTUALLY I WAS HOPING TO BECOME A MANAGER
I'LL BE GOING NOW
ARGH SHUT UP
I HAVE TO GET GOING TOO
SHIKI-JIMA!

WAAH, HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?
ARE YOU NERI CHAN'S FRIEND?
NO, AN ACQUAINTANCE
HASEGAWA-SAN FROM AMEYA?!
AH...
YAY ♡ WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL!

I SEE! NICE TO MEET YOU!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT! WE WE'RE IN THE SAME ELEMENTARY


IT'S OBVIOUS
WE JUST HAVE TO WIN AGAINST OOISHI...
IN THE MATCH TO DETERMINE WHO ARE THE REGULARS
10.0
IT'D BE THE WORST EVER TO BE STUCK ON THE SAME VOLLEYBALL TEAM AS THAT RABID DOG FOR THREE YEARS
SINCE WE'RE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS AS WELL, WE'LL BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS OOISHI
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, ATSUKO?!

HOW CAN YOU NOT LOOK?!
OVER THERE!!
YOU'RE THE WOMEN'S TEAM TRAINER STARTING TODAY, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU HAVE TO GET GOING?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO BE THERE TODAY SO I'LL BE HELPING THE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
<MURMUR MURMUR>
HEY, CAPTAIN
YOU SHOULD BE STARTING YOUR STRETCHES NOW...

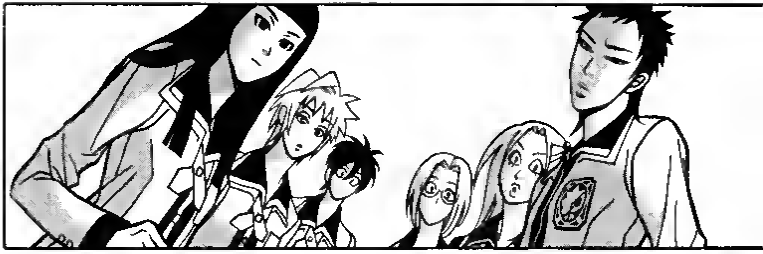
THAT HASEGAWA RUMIKO IS ATTENDING HERE!
YES, YES, AREN'T YOU HAPPY
WHAT'S WITH YOU? STARTING THIS YEAR, THE GIRLS ARE RE-STARTING THEIR BAPTIZING RITUAL WITH THE FRESHMAN!
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE OOISHI'S DIG* TOO?

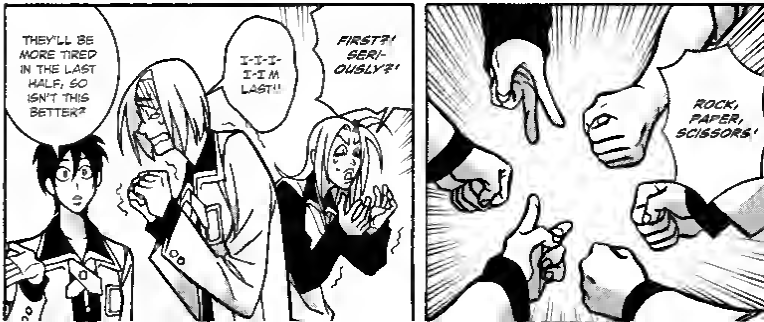
I'M THE CAPTAIN, A SETTER, NAME'S INUGAMI KYOUKO.
WELCOME TO THE KOKUYOU VALLEY STRAY DOGS
"STRAY DOGS"?
IT MEANS "STRAY DOGS"
WHAT A MESSED NAME!
THE EXHIBITION STARTING NOW IS SOMETHING LIKE A BAPTISMAL EVENT FOR THE FRESHMEN CLUB MEMBERS. SO YOU MUST PARTICIPATE

※ DIG: SPIKING AND RECEIVING

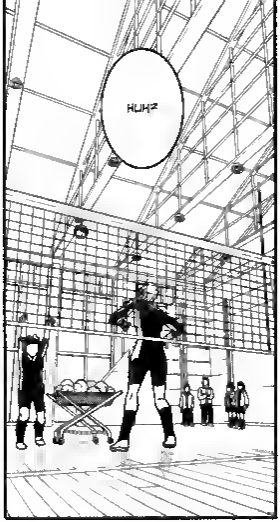
EVEN IF I'M HOPING TO BECOME MANAGER?
OF COURSE
YES NOW THEN, ONE PERSON GETS THREE CHANCES TO
...RECEIVE SPIKES FROM KAMAKURA SARA HERE
HUH?!
"SOMETHING LIKE"?
WE'RE BACK AFTER BEING ABOLISHED FOR THREE YEARS, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY THIRD YEARS...
AND SO WE REFERENCED PREVIOUS CLUB MAGAZINES ABOUT THE METHOD
HMM THEN I'LL HAVE TO GO CHANGE
RIGHT!
NO, IN YOUR UNIFORMS
<EXCITED EXCITED>
HERE IT COMES, HERE IT COMES! THE LEGENDARY UNIFORM RECEIVE!
YEAH!
YEAH!
THEY'LL SEE WHAT'S UNDER NEATH
I don't see the point in this anymore
STOP JOKING AROUND, ARE WE SERIOUSLY PUTTING ON A SHOW OR SOMETHING?!
IN THESE SLIPPERY SHOES AND CLOTHES THAT ARE HARD TO MOVE IN?
SERIOUSLY?!
EHHH?!

YOU WON'T BE RECEIVING IT?
EVEN THOUGH THE SUPERVISOR MIGHT BE WATCHING FROM SOMEWHERE?
IF YOU IMPRESS THEM NOW, YOU MIGHT EVEN BECOME A REGULAR IMMEDIATELY..
WELL, I HAVE UNDERWEAR THAT WAS MADE TO BE PARTIALLY SEEN, SO I GUESS IT'S OK.
WE WON'T BE LOOKING.
NO... WE WANT YOU TO PUSH IT!!
H! THEN MAYBE I CAN RECEIVE IT WITHOUT PUSHING IT?




THEY'LL BE MORE TIRED IN THE LAST HALF, SO ISN'T THIS BETTER?
I-I-I-I-I'M LAST!!
FIRST?! SERIOUSLY?!
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!

I HEARD THAT INUGAMI-SENPAI HAS A WEAK CONSTITUTION
THE SETTER CAPTAIN ISN'T GOING UP?
SHE ONLY COMES OUT AT CRUCIAL TIMES IN GAMES AS WELL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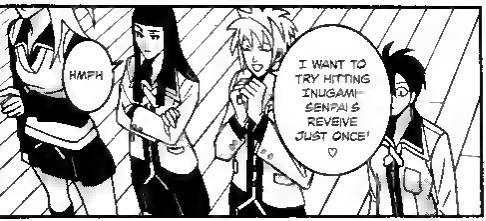
HMFH
I WANT TO TRY HITTING INUGAMI-SENPAI'S REVEIVE JUST ONCE! ♡

I WONDER IF THE IDLE CENTER WHO IS BAD AT DIGS CAN DO IT?
HERE, THE SENPAI IS OF A COMPLETELY OFFENSIVE TYPE, SO WHAT WE NEED IS DEFENSIVE STRENGTH

SHE'S GOOD AT BLOCKING, SO SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT

SHE SEEMS LIKE A STRICT PERSON...
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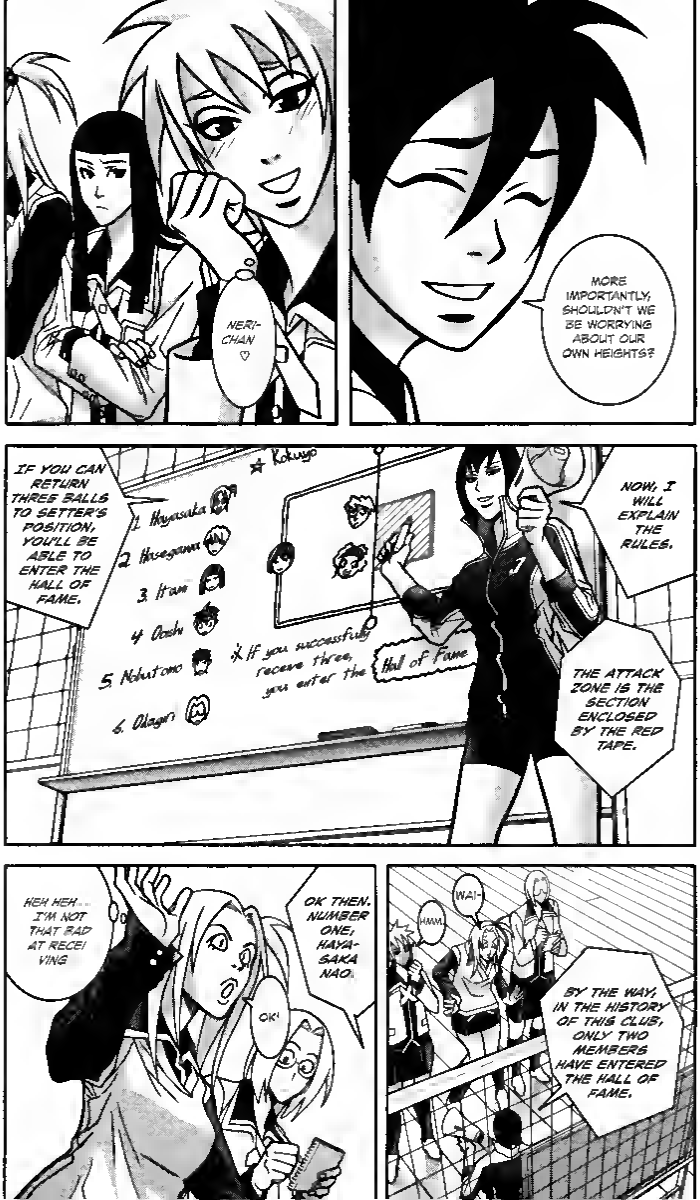
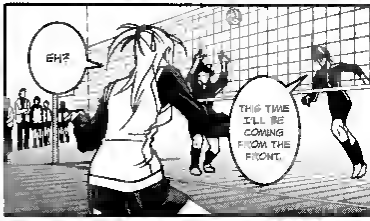

NERI-CHAN ♡
MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHOULDN'T WE BE WORRYING ABOUT OUR OWN HEIGHTS?
IF YOU CAN RETURN THREE BALLS TO SETTER'S POSITION, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE HALL OF FAME.
Kokuyo
1. Hayasaka
2. Hasegawa
3. Itan
4. Ooshi
5. Nakatomo
6. Otagiri
* If you successfully receive three, you enter the Hall of Fame
NOW, I WILL EXPLAIN THE RULES.
THE ATTACK ZONE IS THE SECTION ENCLOSED BY THE RED TAPE.
HEH HEH... I'M NOT THAT BAD AT RECEIVING
OK THEN. NUMBER ONE, HAYASAKA NAO.
OK!
WAI-
HMM.
BY THE WAY, IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CLUB, ONLY TWO MEMBERS HAVE ENTERED THE HALL OF FAME.

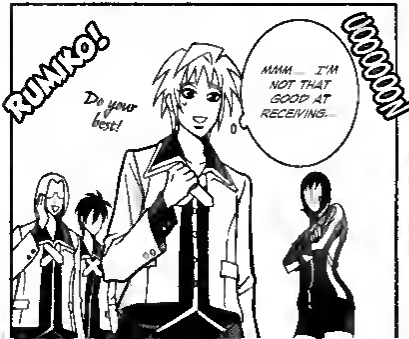
HERE I COME
ANYTIME'S O~
(BANG)
(BANG)
EEK
NO WAAAAY!! WAIT A SEC~!
WE'RE DOING IT AT OUR BEST
HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE
GO A LITTLE EASY ON ME!
IMPOSSIBLE! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY, COMPLETELY, UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE
MURMUR

ドゴ!!
(THUD)

WAIT, YOU DON'T MIND YOUR UNDERWEAR BEING SEEN, RIGHT? YOU CAN SPIN AND GET THE GALLERY EXCITED!
BUT IT'S TOO FAST! I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DO THAT!


EH?
THIS TIME I'LL BE COMING FROM THE FRONT.

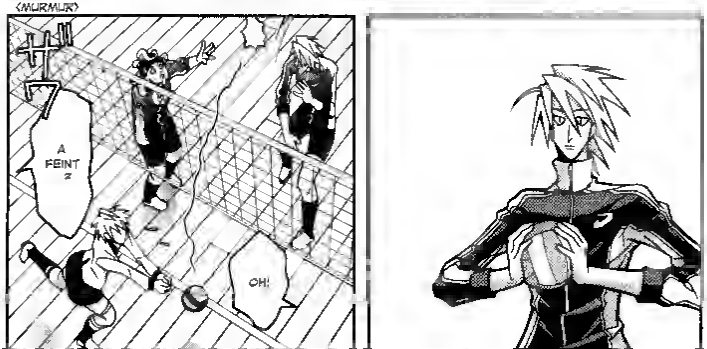
あっはっは
(AHAHA)
THAT WENT IN PERFECTLY FINE JUST NOW!
THAT'S THE WAY TO GO!
LOOKS LIKE THE NEXT ONE'S RUMIKO!
(OOOH)


RUMIKO!
Do your best!
MMM... I'M NOT THAT GOOD AT RECEIVING...
UUUUUUN

NEXT, HASEGAWA.
THIS IS JUST MAKING FUN OF THE NEW-COMERS!!
THIS IS THE WORST! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
WEEEEH

回転レシーブ
回転レシーブ
(SPIN)
HERE I COME
BUT IT'S THE BALL
OF MY ADMIRED KAMAKURA-SENPAI...?

(SPINNING DIVE!)
(SPINNING DIVE!)
OK! KAMAKURA-SENPAI!
I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS !! ♡


(MURMUR)
A FEINT
OH!

SORRY!
WHAT A SCARY KID, CAUSING SARA TO GET EXCI-TED..!
HERE COMES THE SECOND ONE.
<BANG>
AAGH I GUESS RUMI TAN CAN'T DO IT
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT SHE COMPLETELY SUCKED AT DEFENSE

NEXT, ITAMI SHINO.
OK.
IN ORDER TO DRAW OUT INUGAMI SENPAI, WE'LL HAVE TO RETURN TWO BALLS, WON'T WE?
WHO KNOWS?
<BANG>
HERE I COME.
IT'S FAST.
BUT I'VE GOT THE TIMING DOWN

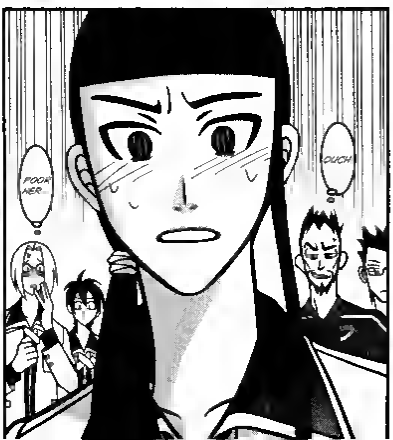
(BEAM)
ボール
I CAN GET IT!
(BANG)

YEA
YEA
GIVE US SOME MORE
GREAT GOING! WOMEN'S VOLLEY BALL
OH, AMAZING AMAZING!
UOOOOO

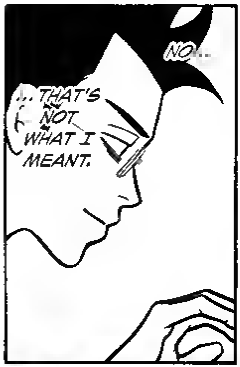
BECAUSE THAT JUST NOW
...WAS A BALL MEANT TO GET THE CROWD EXCITED ♡

NO,
YOU'RE STILL NOT COMING OUT!

(BANG)
UGH!


POOR HER...
OUCH

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... IF SHE STARTS OFF VIOLENTLY HATING ME, THEN IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER AFTERWARD, RIGHT?
HEY, KYOUKO! WHAT IF SHE HATES YOU STARTING FROM DAY ONE?
OH, NEXT TIME, MAKE IT SPIN
GRIT
YOU'RE GOOD WHEN YOU'RE CALM,
BUT NO GOOD WHEN THE BLOOD STARTS RUSHING TO YOUR HEAD.

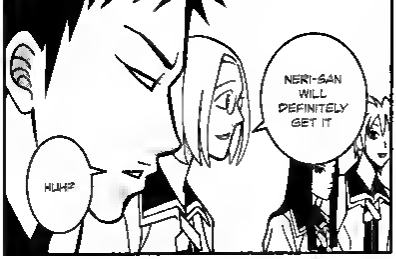

NO...
...THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

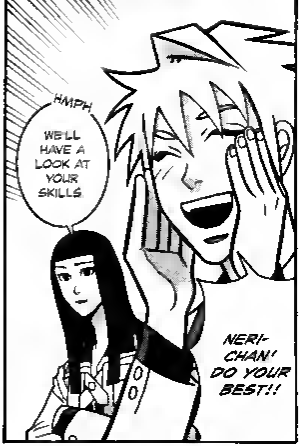
TRY NOT TO SHOW ANYTHING UNSIGHTLY.
I KNOW THAT.

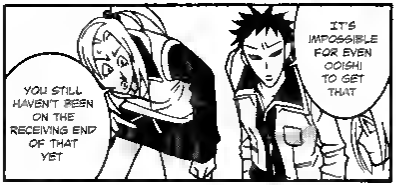
NERI
NEXT IS OOISHI NERI'S PANTY EXHIBITION?

UHAH!!
TOO BAD FOR YOU.
SHE'S GOING TO FIGURE IT IN SOME WEIRD WAY.
...

YES?
YOU KNOW UM, TRY NOT TO SPIN WHEN YOU DIVE, IF POSSIBLE.
AH,


NERI-SAN WILL DEFINITELY GET IT
HUH?


HMPH
WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR SKILLS
NERI-CHAN! DO YOUR BEST!!


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVEN COISHI TO GET THAT
YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ON THE RECEIVING END OF THAT YET

BUT WHEN EVERYONE WAS WAITING AROUND NERVOUSLY,
NERI ALONE WAS MOVING AROUND, MEASURING THE TIMING.

HERE I COME.

HER ORIENTATION MATCHED FOR THE MOST PART

SHE RETURNED IT TO THE SETTER'S POSITION!
WHOA!
AMAZING, NERI-SAN!
YAY! NERI-CHAN, YOU DID IT!
WAAAAH
HAPPY

(POINT)
HEEEEH YOU CAN SEE IT REALLY WELL!
HOW COME SHE COULD GET SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
OUR WORLDS REALLY ARE DIFFERENT AREN'T THEY?
...
HERE I COME
ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE HER INTUITION STILL HASN'T COMPLETELY RETURNED
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT OF OOISHI NE!
(SLAM)

(MUR MUR)
SHE GOT THAT FEINT JUST NOW! AMAZING!
WAAAAH
NOT BAD, THOUGH SHE'S SHORT. SHE'S GETTING THEM
COME ON SHE'S GOT LEGGINGS ON
(BANG)
!!
CHANGING IS ANNOYING, SO I ALWAYS WEAR MY UNIFORM LIKE THIS
Aren't you okay?

EH?
IS IT THAT AMAZING?
INUGAMI-SENPAI'S COMING OUT!!!
AMAZING! AMAZING!!
JUST ONE MORE AND YOU CAN GET INTO THE HALL OF FAME!
THEN...
...LET'S CHANGE SETTERS.
YEAH.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HIT INUGAMI SENPAI'S FAST TOSS UPS DEAD ON IS KAMAKURA-SENPAI
OH! IT'S BEEN A WHILE KYOUKO SHE'S SERIOUS
YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR STUFF. YOU SURE CAN TELL
HERE COMES THE LAST ONE.
AH! YOU! STOP TALKING BACK!
SHH!

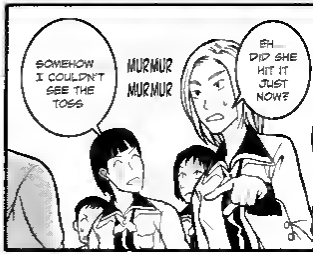
TO NERI, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE HAVING FELT THIS.

THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REACT TO THIS BALL.

THE MOMENT THE BALL LEFT HER HAND, NERI KNEW.

SQUAD!

EEK!!
UM... DID SHE HIT IT?
WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!


SOMEHOW I COULDN'T SEE THE TOSS
MUR MUR MUR MUR
EH... DID SHE HIT IT JUST NOW?

HUH?
NERI-SAN?

SHE'S ALSO TALL, SO THAT CONTRI-BUTES TO THE HEIGHT AT WHICH THE BALL IS STRUCK, MAKING IT EVEN FASTER...!
SHE DREW IT OUT FOR A LONG TIME.

INUGAMI-SENPAI'S HANDLING WAS SUPER SOFT!
TH-THAT WAS AMAZING! I COULDN'T TELL AT ALL HOW HIGH THE BALL WENT!

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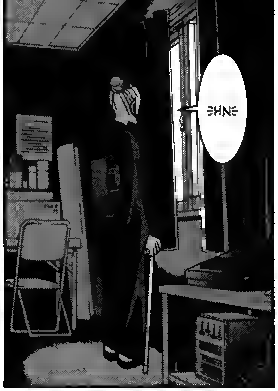
(BA-DUM)
(BA-DUM)
(BA-DUM)
I WANT TO...
HIT THAT, TOO.
JUST LIKE THAT,
OVER-WHELM-INGLY.

HER EXPRESSION CHANGED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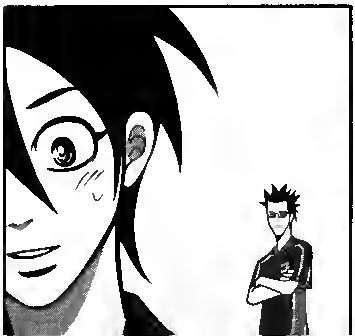
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



BUT WE ARE
WOW IT'S LIKE WE'RE ON A TEAM

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ONCE THEY CHANGE SETTERS...
THAT THIRD HIT WAS INCREDIBLE!
<MURMUR MURMUR>
WHY ARE YOU SO DAZED?
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
EH... OH, UM...
IS BEAUTIFUL THE WORLD?
YEAH, SHE'S REALLY SOMETHING.
SHE'S PRETTY GOOD
GOOD JOB!
THAT WAS AMAZING, HEY! YOU RETURNED TWO SPIKES!
AH, YEAH.

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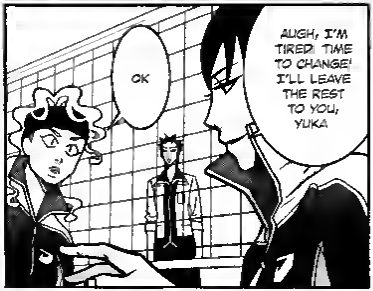
ATSUKO, ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY IN THAT SKIRT?
DO YOU WANT TO BORROW ONE OF MINE?
OVER MY DEAD BODY.
IS SHE...
...TELLING ME TO BE LIKE THAT?
UP NEXT IS ATSUKO NOBUTOMO.
My nose won't stop bleeding!

THEY'RE
MEANING THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT TO HOLD BACK.
JUST LIKE OOISHI
THEY'RE MAKING FUN OF ME.


AUGH, I'M TIRED. TIME TO CHANGE! I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, YUKA
OK

OH, NOBUTOMO'S SUPPOSEDLY GOOD WITH STRONGER HITS.
THEN, HOW ABOUT YUKA SWITCHES OUT FOR SARA?

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倒せ!!
城南小
(JOUNAN ELEMENTARY! GO! GO! GO! BEAT 'EM UP!)
DAMN IT...
NERI OOISHI?
SHE'S KINDA SMALL, BUT I HEARD SHE'S REALLY GOOD
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
THE TALLER ONES WIN IN VOLLEY-BALL.
WE WON'T LOSE.
HI
ALL REGULARS ARE RECRUITED TO THE HAKUYUNZAN.
IT'S LIKE WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS
mikasa

ELEMENTARY
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ELEMENTARY
MY STRIKES WILL GO STRAIGHT OVER YOUR HEAD!
OOISHI
"YOU FINALLY CAME FORWARD NERI OOISHI!"
HUGGTAH!
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"JUST WATCH ME!"

WE'LL SWITCH OUT WITH TEAM B FOR THE SECOND SET.
WE HAVE TO CONSERVE OUR STAMINA FOR THE FINALS
YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN REMEMBER ME, GOISHI
BUT THAT MATCH STILL BOTHERS ME

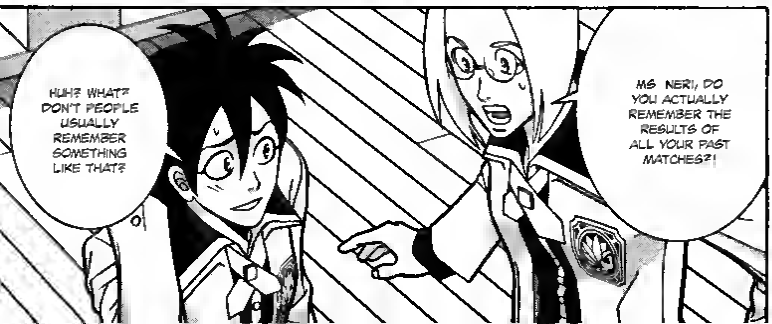
I'M NOT THE SAME AS BEFORE.
WATCH ME
READY!
BRING IT ON!
READY?
(THUD)

GIVE ME ANOTHER ONE!
DON'T GO EASY ON ME!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME IN THAT HAKAMA LIKE SKIRT* OF YOURS.
YUKA, BE A BIT MORE...
ATSUKO!
IT'S STRONG!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

*HAKAMA ARE THE TYPE OF TRADITIONAL JAPANESE CLOTHING THAT'S TIED AT THE WAIST AND EXTEND TO THE ANKLES, USUALLY WORN OVER A KIMONO. IN OTHER WORDS, ATSUKO IS WEARING QUITE A LONG SKIRT THERE.

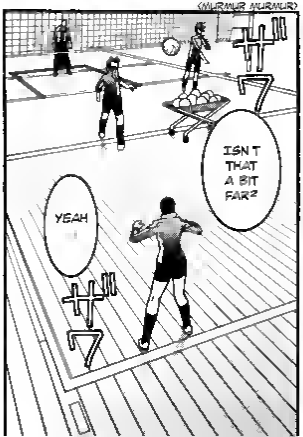
AT THE TIME, OUR ASAHI VALLEY ELEMENTARY WAS UNDEFEATED.
UM, I'M PRETTY SURE THE SCORE WAS 5-21 AND 13-21.
HUH?
HER EXECUTION IS STILL A BIT CRUDE, THOUGH.
YEAH.
YOU REMEMBER ATSUKO?
I HAD A MATCH WITH HER, ALONG WITH YOU.

☆ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL WINNER = THE FIRST TO 21 IN THREE-SET MATCHES


HUH? WHAT? DON'T PEOPLE USUALLY REMEMBER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
MS. NERI, DO YOU ACTUALLY REMEMBER THE RESULTS OF ALL YOUR PAST MATCHES?!

SHE'S GOTTA BE LYING
SHE JUST CAME UP WITH SOME RANDOM NUMBERS
AWESOME! YOU'RE A FIRST RATE VOLLEYBALL FAN
No no no it'd be completely impossible for me
OH, IS THAT HOW IT IS?
I'M COMPLETELY NEW TO THIS; SO,...

(THUD)
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A GORILLA?!
NOT BAD, ATSUKO NOBUTOMO!
YOU'VE GOT GUTS, JUMPING INTO YUKA'S GORILLA ATTACK!


(MURMUR MURMUR)
ISN'T THAT A BIT FAR?
YEAH

(MURMUR)
HUH?
I'LL GIVE THEM

I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT, SO I'LL GET THE FINAL SHOT!
SARA! THROW IT TO ME

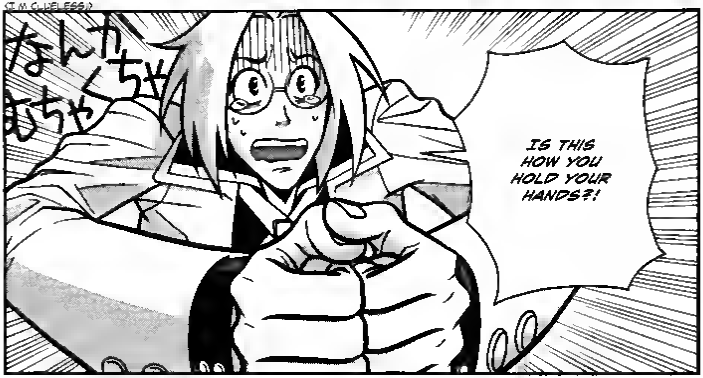
BANG!
HUH?
IT'S PRACTICALLY BEHIND HER!

(BAM)
(SLAM)

THAT'S CHIYO'S LAST NAME...
THAT SEEMINGLY HEARTLESS EXPRESSION IS ALSO SIMILAR
NOW, THEN...
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE UP, FOUR-EYES!
HUH?!

SENIOR HACHIYA'S AWESOME, TOO!
SHE ACTUALLY WRAPPED IT UP WITH A HIGH-LEVEL SET FROM BEHIND!
SHE STILL MANAGED TO HIT THE BALL ACCURATELY!
HACHIYA =

ARE YOU READY?
U-UM, I'M SORRY!
YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE!
GO, MANABU (ROBOT)
DO YOUR BEST
ha ha ha


(I'M CLUELESS)
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IS THIS HOW YOU HOLD YOUR HANDS?!

(PAT)
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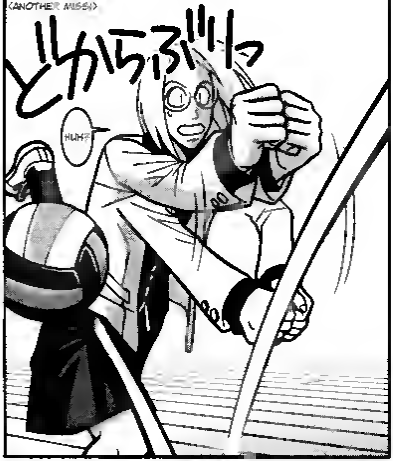
WHAT'S WITH THIS PREJUDICE?!
WEAKLING!
(WA HA HA HA)
Nice one Go for it! Big Girl!


(ANOTHER MISS!)
とからぶりっ
HUH?

(YOU MISSED!)
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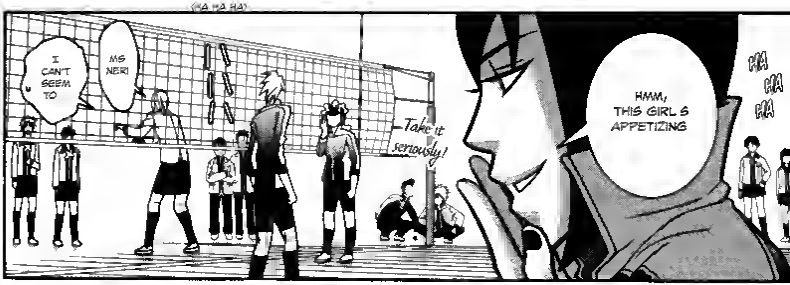
EH?

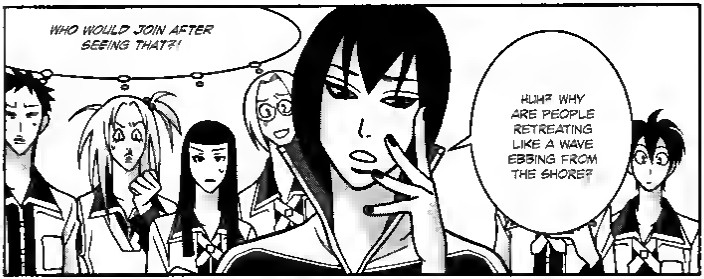

(HA HA HA!)
I CAN'T SEEM TO
MS. NERI
Take it seriously!
HMM, THIS GIRL'S APPETIZING
HA HA HA

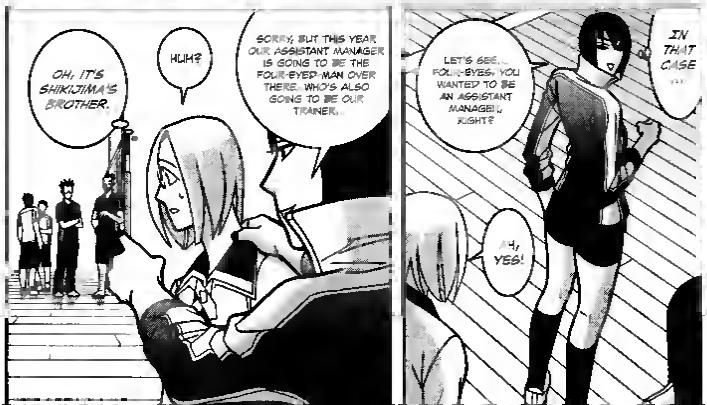
AT ANY RATE, JUST TRY TO GET UNDER THE BALL.
It's chronically impossible according to the rules
AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO SWING YOUR ARMS.
O-OK.

D-DO I KICK THE BALL?
I THINK YOU GATHER UP AT YOUR FEET NOT YOUR HANDS

(BOUNCE)
ホルーン
AH!
(BAM)
ポ
(STEP STEP)
UNDER THE BALL
3CASA
(CLAP CLAP CLAP)
MMHMM, GOOD JOB.
I DID IT! I DID IT! I HIT THE BALL!
SHE'S GETTING ODDLY EXCITED
SO WITH THAT, THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM IS NOW GLADLY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, PLEASE REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE.

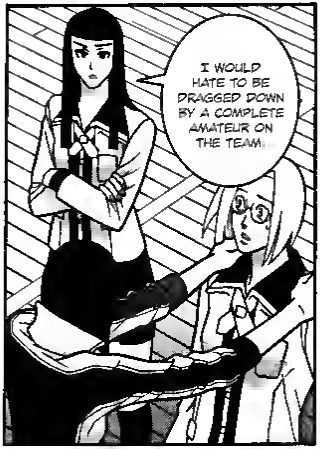
(SHUFFLE SHUFFLE)
HUH?


WHO WOULD JOIN AFTER SEEING THAT?!
HUH? WHY ARE PEOPLE RETREATING LIKE A WAVE EBBING FROM THE SHORE?


OH, IT'S SHIKIJIMA'S BROTHER.
HUH?
SORRY, BUT THIS YEAR OUR ASSISTANT MANAGER IS GOING TO BE THE FOUR-EYED MAN OVER THERE. WHO'S ALSO GOING TO BE OUR TRAINER.
LET'S SEE... FOUR-EYES. YOU WANTED TO BE AN ASSISTANT MANAGER, RIGHT?
AH, YES!
IN THAT CASE...

WHAT?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT
AS SUCH, I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU ON THE TEAM, MS. FUTURE REGULAR!

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A SPORTS TEAM BEFORE?
VOLLEYBALL IS A HARSH SPORT. CAN YOU EVEN KEEP UP?

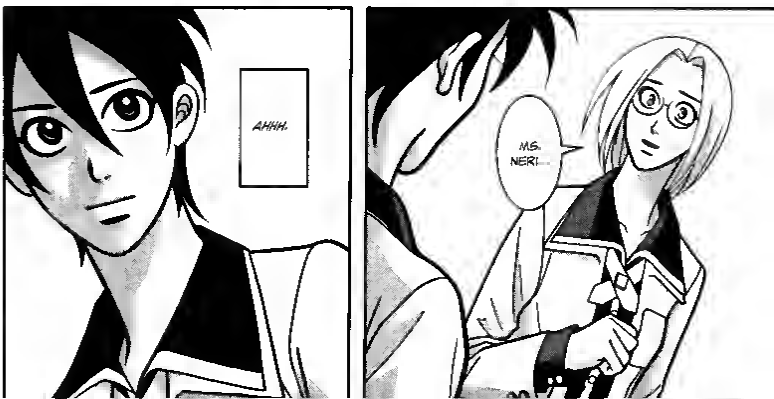

I WOULD HATE TO BE DRAGGED DOWN BY A COMPLETE AMATEUR ON THE TEAM.

TH- THAT'S
WHY DON'T YOU WELCOME HER?

AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE HAVE VERY FEW PEOPLE ON THE TEAM.
FOR NOW, WE'LL HAVE TEN REGULARS.
COACH JINNAI...
TEN REGULARS?
WE CAN'T PRACTICE OUR GAME FORMATIONS THEN!
WE CAN JUST PULL SOMEONE FROM THE BOYS TEAM
IF YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN YOU SHOULD DO IT NOW MANABU!
SO THERE ARE TWO SPOTS STILL OPEN?
THIS IS CRAZY...
UM, I LIKE MANGA, AND I'M TRYING TO DRAW A VOLLEYBALL MANGA...
IS IT OUT OF CURIOSITY? YOU KNOW IT'S JUST CHORES AND LAUNDRY, RIGHT?
WHAT? A MANGA?!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ASSISTANT MANAGER, ANYWAY?
NO WAY! IT'LL JUST BE EVEN MORE OF A DISASTER SINCE THE PEOPLE WITH MORE EXPERIENCE WON'T BE ABLE TO JOIN!

I WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO THE SPORT, WHICH IS WHY I CHOSE THIS SCHOOL...
I COULD JUST DO A SPORTS-FOCUSED INDEPENDENT STUDY AS WELL...
I GIVE UP!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED? YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO BE THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE, SO WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE AN IDIOT?
AND BESIDES, WE'RE NOT YOUR RESEARCH SUBJECTS, ALL RIGHT?
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR HER TO PLAY INSTEAD OF JUST WATCH.
I THINK...
...WITH THINGS LIKE THIS, HAVING A GOAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING EXPERIENCE.

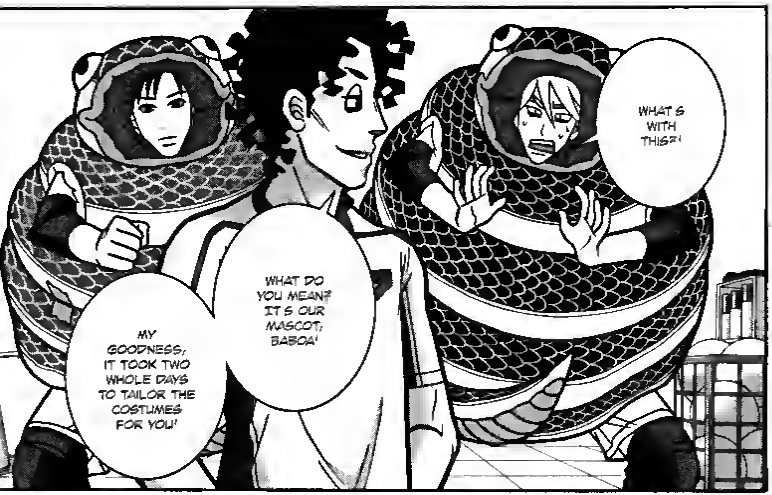
"YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY THEY TREAT YOU!"
STOP LETTING THEM PICK ON YOU SO BADLY!

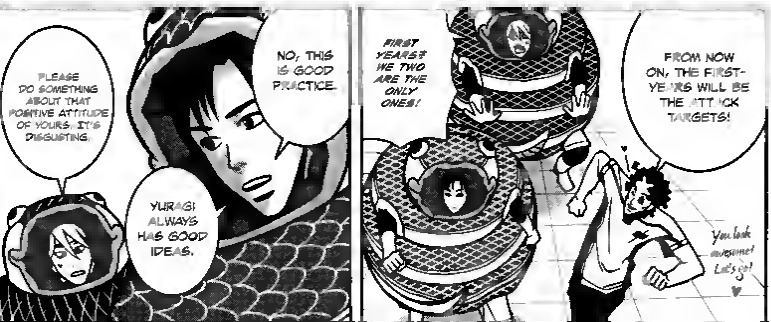

AHHH.
MS. NERI...

THANK GOOD-NESS.
I-I'LL JOIN.
LET ME LEARN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
COME BACK WITH CONTACTS NEXT TIME.
I WILL!
YOU'RE BETTER NOW!

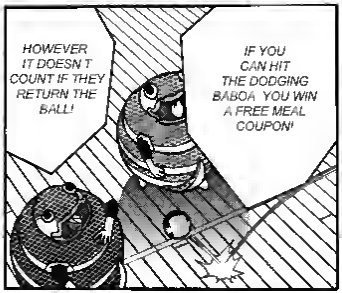
SHE'S SURROUNDED BY ECCENTRICS WHO HAVE HAD MOSTLY FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCES WITH VOLLEYBALL.
THE ADDITION OF AN AMATEUR IS REVEALING A WHOLE NEW SIDE OF THE TEAM.
IT'S LIKE A TRAP TO REVEAL EVERYONE'S HIDDEN AGENDA.
SHE'S AN EXTREMELY RARE CATCH
BESIDES, SHE'S NEARLY 5'11" AND SMART ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND OOISHI'S ADVICE ON THE SPOT

SENIOR YURAGI...
男子バレーボール部
(BOYS' VOLLEYBALL CLUB)

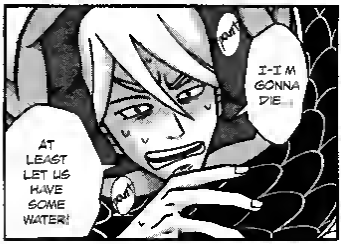

WHAT'S WITH THIS?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S OUR MASCOT, BABOA!
MY GOODNESS, IT TOOK TWO WHOLE DAYS TO TAILOR THE COSTUMES FOR YOU!

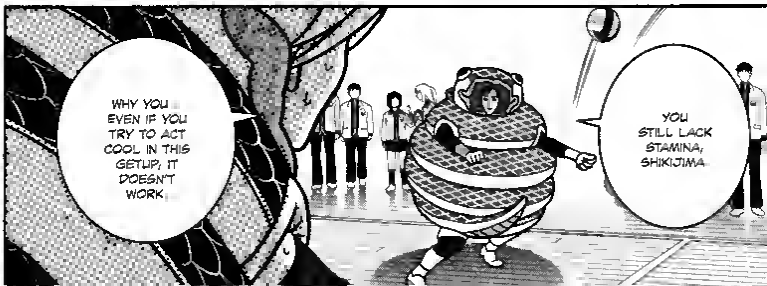

PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF YOURS. IT'S DISGUSTING.
NO, THIS IS GOOD PRACTICE.
YURAGI ALWAYS HAS GOOD IDEAS.
FIRST YEARS? WE TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES!
FROM NOW ON, THE FIRST-YEARS WILL BE THE ATTACK TARGETS!
You look awesome! Let's go!

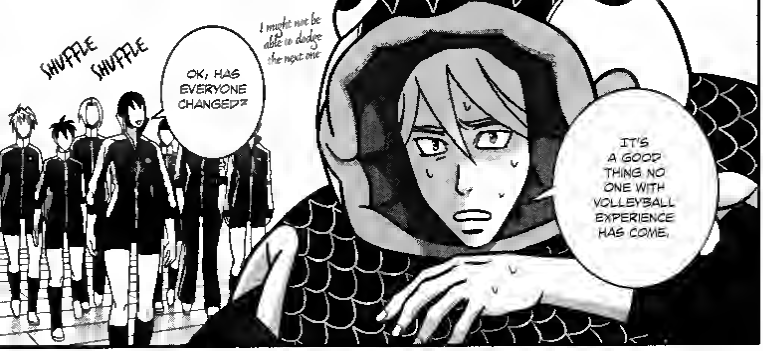
GAURAUR MURMURS


HOWEVER IT DOESN'T COUNT IF THEY RETURN THE BALL!
IF YOU CAN HIT THE DODGING BABOA YOU WIN A FREE MEAL COUPON!

COME ONE COME ALL!
COME SEE THE FAMOUS BOYS VOLLEYBALL ATTRACTION "HIT BABOA!"


I-I'M GONNA DIE...
AT LEAST LET US HAVE SOME WATER!


WHY YOU... EVEN IF YOU TRY TO ACT COOL IN THIS GETUP, IT DOESN'T WORK.
YOU STILL LACK STAMINA, SHIKIJIMA.


SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
OK, HAS EVERYONE CHANGED?
I might not be able to dodge the next one
IT'S A GOOD THING NO ONE WITH VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE HAS COME.

(FWHEEE FWHEEE FWHEEE)
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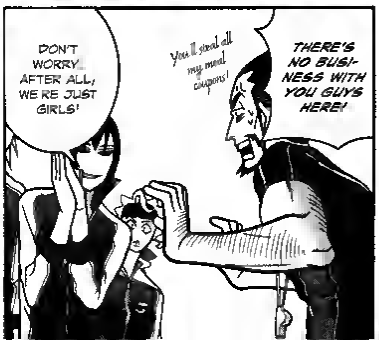
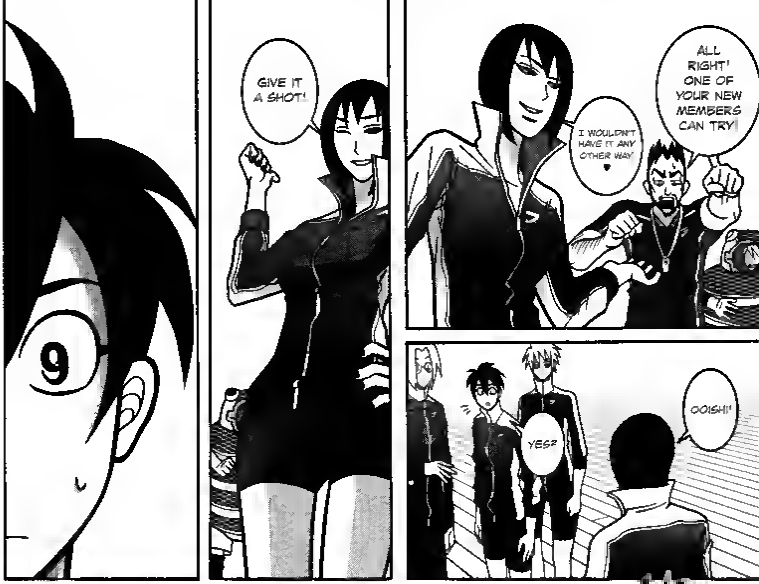
HEY, YOU THERE! SHOO! SHOO!
WE CAN PARTICIPATE, TOO, RIGHT?

AT THIS RATE, NO ONE'S HITTING THEM. SO WON'T YOUR AUDIENCE GET BORED AND LEAVE?
YOUR BOYS ARE SO ATHLETIC THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD TO AWARD ANY MEAL COUPONS YET.
Y-YOU HAVE A POINT.


DON'T WORRY. AFTER ALL, WE'RE JUST GIRLS!
You'll steal all my meal coupons!
THERE'S NO BUSINESS WITH YOU GUYS HERE!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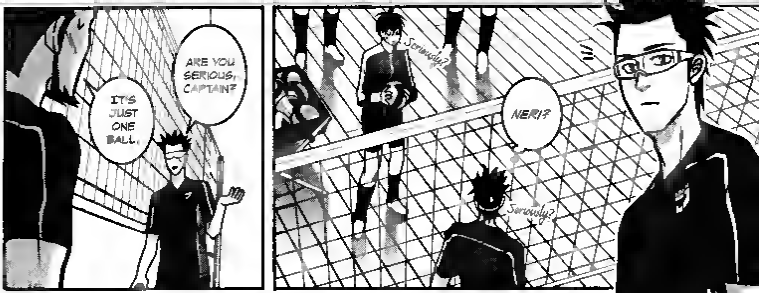
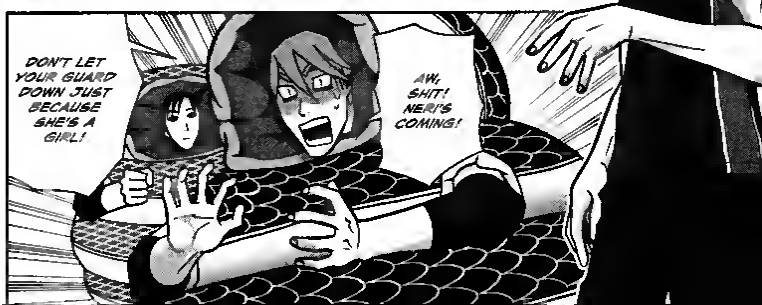
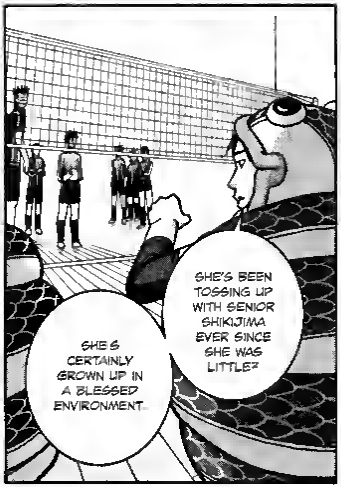
GIVE IT A SHOT!
ALL RIGHT! ONE OF YOUR NEW MEMBERS CAN TRY!
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!
OOISHI!
YES?


ARE YOU SERIOUS, CAPTAIN?
IT'S JUST ONE BALL.
Seriously?
NERI?
Seriously?


DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL!
AW, SHIT! NERI'S COMING!

SHE'S BEEN PLAYING VOLLEYBALL WITH MY BROTHER EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
OH, NERI OOISHI IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
WHO'S NERI?

NERI! SEND THE BALL HERE!
THAT IS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY I MUST CATCH HER SHOT!


SHE'S BEEN TOSSING UP WITH SENIOR SHIKIJIMA EVER SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE?
SHE'S CERTAINLY GROWN UP IN A BLESSED ENVIRONMENT.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

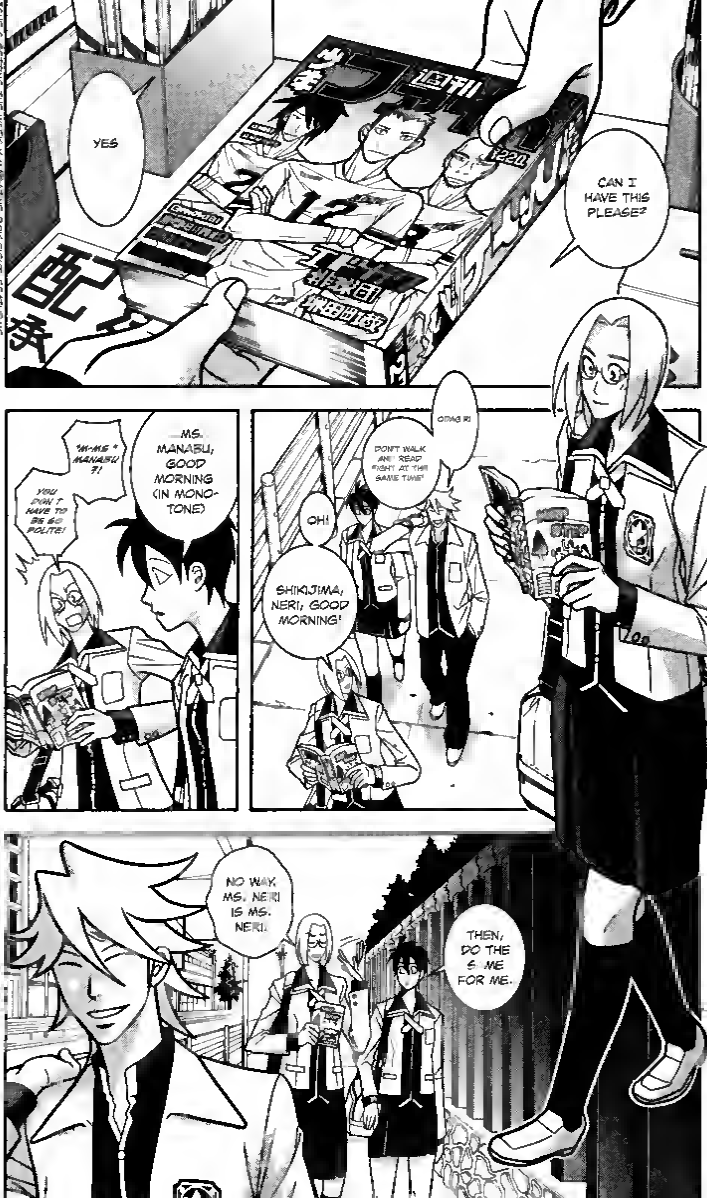
GET H.M ♥
YEAH, HE'S KIND OF CREEPY
WHY DON'T YOU AIM FOR HIM?
U-UM?

YOU...
STILL RE-MEM-BER?

(THUD)
ドカッ
(WHAM)
ドンッ
(BANG)
ボン!!

BUT EVEN IF HE'S ALL DRESSED UP, MIKUNI IS STILL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MVP
HUMPH, EVEN I COULD DO THAT
OOISHI IS REALLY GOOD
MS. NERI, NICE SHOT!
GOOD CHOICE, GOING FOR HIS KNEE
WHAT?!
ARE YOU ON HER SIDE NOW?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
OOISHI REMEMBERS YOU, ATSUKO
SHE SAID IT WAS 9-21 AND 3-21.
SHE REMEMBERS THE SCORE TOO!
SHE JUST CAME UP WITH SOME RANDOM NUMBERS
ATSUKO, DO YOU REMEMBER?
NERI OOISHI!

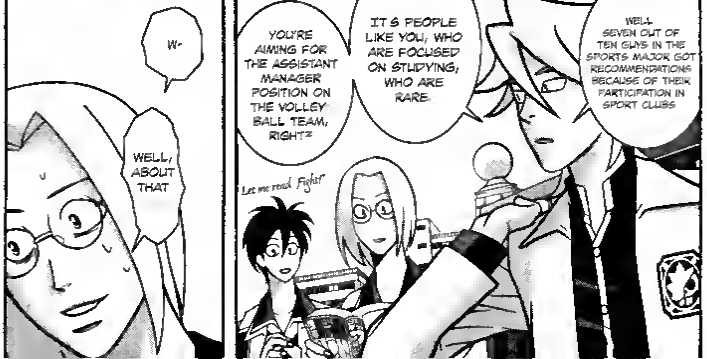
*A JAPANESE DISH IN WHICH CHICKEN, EGGS, GREEN ONION, AND OTHERS ARE SIMMERED A SAUCE AND THEN SERVED ON RICE.


CAN I HAVE THIS PLEASE?
YES
...MS. MANABU, GOOD MORNING (IN MONOTONE)
"M-MS." MANABU?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO POLITE!
OTAKI-KUN
DON'T WALK AND READ RIGHT AT THE SAME TIME!
OH!
SHIKIJIMA, NERI, GOOD MORNING!
NO WAY, MS. NERI IS MS. NERI.
THEN, DO THE SAME FOR ME.

*THE SETTING THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE BOY FIGHT FEATURING THE EPOCHAKU VOLLEYBALL TEAM WRITTEN BY CHOUZUOU SAKAIDA

Fight.10 dog's breakfast

KOKUYOU VALLEY PRIVATE SENIOR HIGH
OUR CLASS SCHEDULES AS SPORTS MAJORS ARE SET UP STRANGELY
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT RIGHT AFTER ENTERING, EVERY DAY THIS WEEK IS ENTIRELY SPENT ON OUR SPORT CLUBS.
HITTER: PHAXTA
SETTER: TERRIKARMON8675
BLOCKER: LOSERBAIT
ATTACKER: GALLETITA
LIBERO: DAHIPPO
COACH: SOPHENDOLBOT


W-
WELL, ABOUT THAT
YOU'RE AIMING FOR THE ASSISTANT MANAGER POSITION ON THE VOLLEY BALL TEAM, RIGHT?
IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WHO ARE FOCUSED ON STUDYING, WHO ARE RARE.
WELL SEVEN OUT OF TEN GUYS IN THE SPORTS MAJOR GOT RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SPORT CLUBS
Let me read Fight!

HUH?
ODAGIRI'S GOING TO BE PLAYING VOLLEYBALL?!

SIGH SORTA LIKE NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED
GRIN
GRIN
OH. BUT THIS IS GOOD FOR YOU

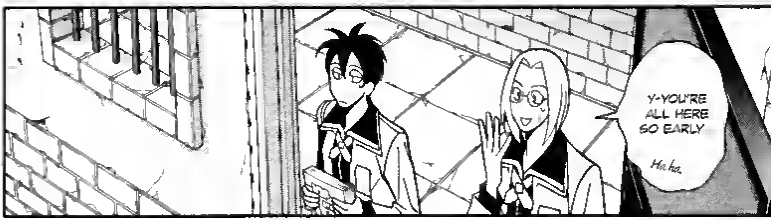
WELL LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL BE GOING WILD TODAY. SO JUST DO YOUR BEST!
?

WOW; I WAS JOKING BEFORE; BUT I GUESS IT REALLY TURNED OUT THIS WAY
I'M SURPRISED MYSELF
Hmm, they have a volleyball manga in here
Look right here from page 7 of volume one
Whoa
IF SOMEONE AS TALL AS YOU SHOWED UP THEY'D DEFINITELY TAKE YOU.
I can't handle such as!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?

I DON'T HAVE ANY FREE TIME THIS WEEK!
I'M TELLING YOU, THAT'S JUST A TAD IMPOSSIBLE
(SLAM)
A-ATSUKO, GOOD MORNING!
WHAT "GOOD MORNING?"
AH!
I'LL CALL YOU BACK LATER! BYE!
(TWITCH)
キリくう
YOU'RE NOT DATING SOME WEIRD GUY AGAIN, ARE YOU?
HE'S ONLY LIKE THAT AT FIRST.
I IT'LL BE FINE THIS TIME
HE'S REALLY NICE, AND

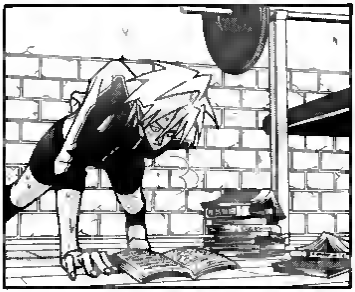
OH?
THOSE WHO COMMUTE TO SCHOOL SURE HAVE IT EASY.
GLUCK
THE ONLY THING WE'VE GOT A HEAD FOR IS PLAYING VOLLEYBALL FOR FREE TUITION
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.
I KNOW ALREADY.
YOU'RE ALREADY DONE WITH MORNING TRAINING?! THAT WAS QUICK.
OF COURSE
THAT WAS THE REASON I ENTERED INTO A DORM.
NO WAY AM I LIVING IN A DORM!
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER FOR YOU, DOES IT?
GLUCK
GOOD MORNING!
A DORM, HUH...?
HEY ALL.
ATSUKO, IT'S A GOOD THING WE LIVE NEARBY, ISN'T IT?
AT SUKO?
SHINO YOU'RE UP SO EARLY RUN! COULDN'T WAKE UP AT ALL
GOOD MORNING
IT'S BEEN DEC DEP ALREADY ANYWAY

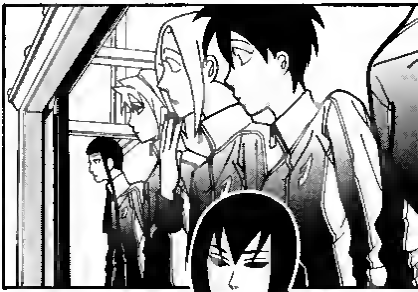
CLARE
NERI, MANABU, GOOD MORNING ♡
OH GOO-


Y-YOU'RE ALL HERE SO EARLY
Ha-ha.

NERI,
LOOK HERE
NERI?
NERI, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
IF YOU ACT TOO FRIENDLY TO ME, THINGS'LL BE HARDER FOR YOU.
...YOU KNOW,

(PANT PANT)
AT FIRST, IT FEELS A BIT STRANGE,
I CAN'T STAND HAVING THINGS PUT ON MY EYE-BALLS!
EEEEEEE
GAH!
はあ
はあ
I'M REALLY SCARED TO PUT THIS IN...
(TA DAHHH)
I-I SEE
シャキーン
BUT ONCE I GET USED TO IT, IT FEELS REALLY COM-FORTABLE!
Ah, a world with no frames!
NERI
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY,
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT AGAIN?
HUH...?





WHAT LAW WAS PASSED THE SAME YEAR AS THE RELIGIOUS DECREES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RISSHAKKO BUDDHA?
BINGO.
THE GRANT FOR FIELD CULTIVATION AS LONG-TERM PRIVATE PROPERTY ACT

*KONTAEINENSHIZAI LAW IN JAPANESE AND INTENDED TO ENFORCE EXPANSION WAY BACK WHEN.

YOU COULD PROBABLY GO TO THE NEXT GRADE IF YOU DON'T.
PHEW, I WAS SCARED FOR A SEC!
THAT WAS KIND OF WHY I CAME HERE!
YOU'RE ALL SO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS ♡
WHAT? YOU HAVE TO STUDY EVEN WHEN YOU'RE A SPORTS MAJOR?
WHY...? 'CAUSE THERE'S A TEST COMING UP.
WHAT?!
YEAH, IF YOU FAIL YOUR TESTS, YOU'LL BE DEMOTED FROM BEING A REGULAR TO SITTING OUT ON THE BENCH.
BUT YOU CAN'T BE A REGULAR ON OUR TEAM IF YOU FAIL.
STEP)
カラン
I'M IN TROUBLE, TOO.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE A REGULAR UNEXPECTEDLY SOON.
I THOUGHT I COULD FOCUS ON ONLY PLAYING VOLLEY BALL.
Well, here were lots of other reasons too
SEVERAL PEOPLE QUIT LAST YEAR 'CAUSE OF THAT.

MY TEAM WILL FOCUS ON *BOTH* THE MENTAL AND THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS

GOOD MORNING...
COACH JINNAI, GOOD MORNING!

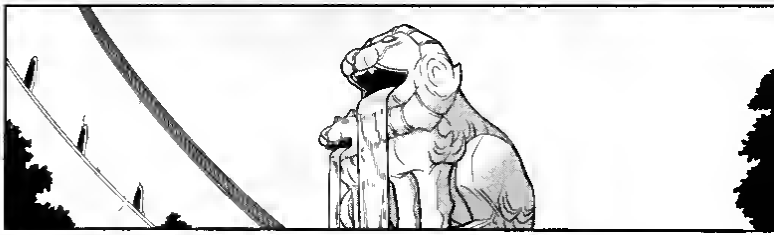
WHAT'S NECESSARY AT THE LAST MOMENT IN A MATCH IS THAT YOU'RE CONSTANTLY THINKING FOR YOURSELF.
THOSE WHO DO NOT THINK ON THEIR FEET CANNOT BE REGULARS.

AFTER ALL, YOUR LIFE EXTENDS BEYOND VOLLEYBALL
AT LEAST STUFF THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF LEARNING INTO YOUR HEAD.
MANABU, HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES ♡
IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH ME, SURE, ANYTIME
AWW, SHE'S ONLY LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME A REGULAR
DO NOT INJURE YOURSELF
IN SHORT, DON'T TURN OUT LIKE I DID
AS SUCH, I HAVE PREPARED A TRAINER FOR YOU THIS YEAR
ENTER

THIS IS SHIGERU SHIKIJIMA, SECOND YEAR, SPORTS MAJOR
HE'S THE HEIR TO THE SHIKIJIMA BONESETTING CLINIC FAMOUS IN THIS CITY.
HE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE BOYS VOLLEY BALL TEAM AND WILL NOW DEVOTE HIMSELF TO THE GIRLS VOLLEY-BALL TEAM.
HE'S SHIKIJIMA'S BROTHER!
I WONDER IF NERI KNOWS HIM?
HE WILL PRIMARILY BE GUIDING YOUR TRAINING AND GIVING SPORTS MASSAGES.
AT PRESENT, HE WILL ALSO ACT AS YOUR ASSISTANT MANAGER.
EH?

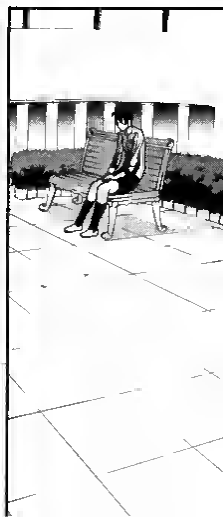
(DING DONG)
THOSE WHO DO NOT SUPPORT MY DECISIONS MAY LEAVE.
ONLY THOSE WHO FOLLOW MY METHOD SHALL FOLLOW ME.
THIS GUY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF GIVING MEDICAL CHECKS AS WELL?!
YES.
SILENCE.
AND HE'S GOING TO BE TOUCHING US TOO!
clamor clamor
YOU CAN LEAVE THE MASSAGE OUT. IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ANYWAY.
ACK THAT'S ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT'S JUST LIKE SEXUAL HARASSMENT! I CAN'T JUST GIVE A GUY MY AGE INFORMATION ABOUT MY WEIGHT AND MENSTRUATION

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?
IS SHE SERIOUS...?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
FIRST YEARS, ASSEMBLE IN THE GYM BY THE TIME THE BELL RINGS.
SECOND YEARS, RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM AND STUDY.
WATCH YOUR TIME STRICTLY



NERI, THE BELL IS GOING TO RING SOON. LET'S HEAD BACK, OK?
AH... OK...

BECAUSE OF ME,
SHIGERU QUIT THE BOYS VOLLEY-BALL TEAM?

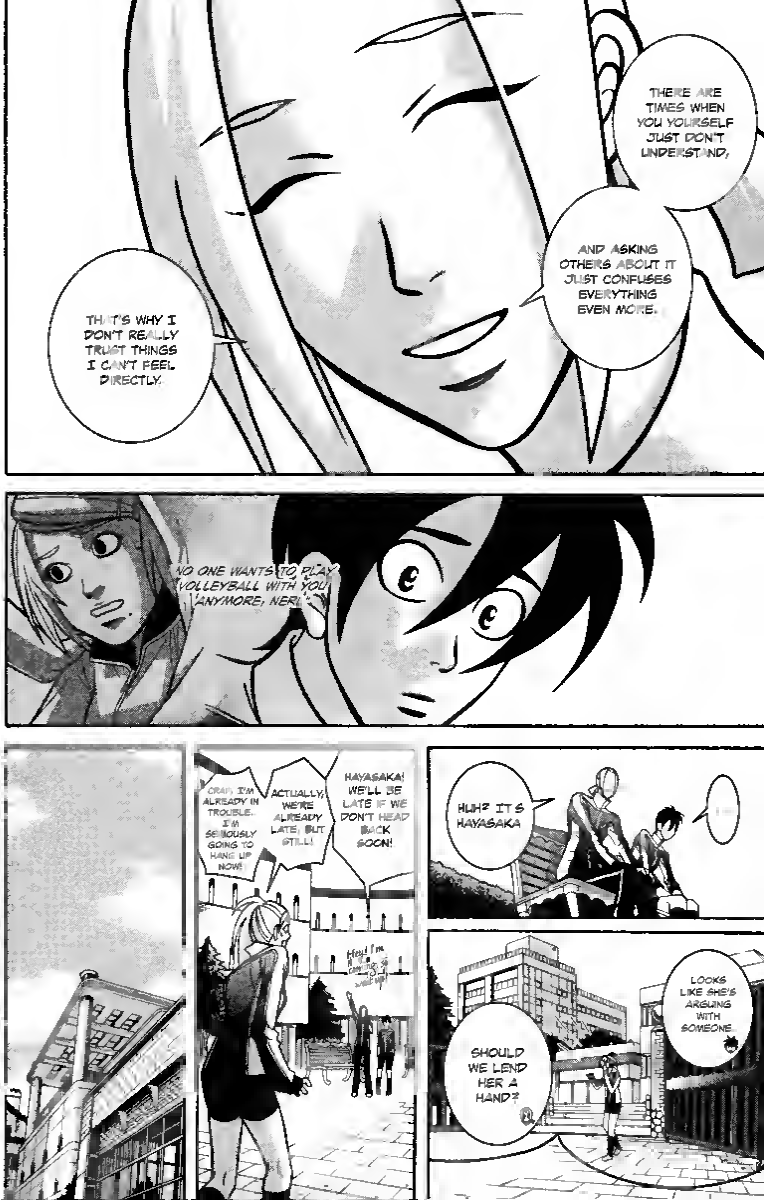


I was surprised too...
ISN'T IT A REASSURING THING...?
SHI-GERU...!
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
YES. I KNOW SHIGERU, RIGHT?
IT'S A BIT...
THE TRAINER WHO CAME BY TODAY. HE'S MICHIRU'S OLDER BROTHER AND MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
SHIGERU WAS AN ESSENTIAL SETTER FOR THE KOKUYOU VALLEY BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM...
BUT FOR HIM TO QUIT AND BECOME THE GIRLS TEAM'S TRAINER...
WELL, MY CONTACTS ARE BOTHERING ME AT THE MOMENT.
They'll get mad at you.
JUST FORGET ABOUT ME AND HEAD BACK FIRST.
DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHY HE QUIT?
OH, IF IT'S HARD TO TALK ABOUT, THAT'S FINE.

THAT...
...GOES FOR ME, TOO
YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING NEW BY STAYING WITH ME.
...YOU'RE STRANGE.
(PANG PONG)
(PANG PONG)

AT THE TIME, SHIGERU JUST HAPPENED TO BE WATCHING.
LAST YEAR, I ACCIDENTALLY COLLIDED WITH MY CAPTAIN IN A SCRIMMAGE AGAINST AMEYA MIDDLE...
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I WENT TO HAKU'UNZAN, WHICH WAS FAMOUS FOR ITS VOLLEY BALL
...YOU KNOW,

SHIGERU PROBABLY FEELS RESPONSIBLE, SO HE QUIT VOLLEYBALL AND BECAME A TRAINER BECAUSE OF THAT...
THE COACH, WHO WAS HEADING TO THE MEN'S ROOM AT THE TIME, MISUNDERSTOOD, AND SHIGERU HAD TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TEAM...
EVEN THOUGH HAKUUNZAN DOESN'T ALLOW BOYS TO COME IN, HE CAME IN TO THE BATHROOM TO CHECK UP ON MY INJURIES...
I SEE...
YOU WON'T KNOW THE TRUTH UNLESS YOU ASK HIM.
HUH?
WHO KNOWS?
IN THE PAST, I HAD TOUGH TIMES WHEN I JUST THOUGHT WHATEVER I WANTED...
NOW, I MAKE SURE TO CHECK PROPERLY FIRST.
EH... THEN, MAYBE I'LL GO ASK MICHIRU...
NO, IT'S BETTER TO ASK SENIOR SHIKIJIMA DIRECTLY.


THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU YOURSELF JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND,
AND ASKING OTHERS ABOUT IT JUST CONFUSES EVERYTHING EVEN MORE.
THAT'S WHY I DON'T REALLY TRUST THINGS I CAN'T FEEL DIRECTLY.
NO ONE WANTS TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL WITH YOU ANYMORE, NERI.
HUH? IT'S HAYASAKA
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ARGUING WITH SOMEONE.
SHOULD WE LEND HER A HAND?
CRAP! I'M ALREADY IN TROUBLE. I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO HANG UP NOW!
ACTUALLY, WE'RE ALREADY LATE, BUT STILL!
HAYASAKA! WE'LL BE LATE IF WE DON'T HEAD BACK SOON!

ONE WEEK FROM NOW, THE THREE WHO WERE LATE WILL PLAY A GAME AGAINST THE REMAINING THREE.
WHAT?!
THE SECOND YEARS WILL BE ENTERING THEIR TESTING PERIOD, SO THIS WEEK, THEY WILL BE TAKING PART IN INDIVIDUAL TRAINING INSTEAD OF TRAINING WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM.
EACH INDIVIDUAL TEAM WILL COME UP WITH THEIR OWN TRAINING REGIMENT AND ACT INDEPENDENTLY
HOW-EVER ...
EVEN IF THEY DO HAVE NERI OOISHI, ONE IS A COMPLETE AMATEUR AND THE OTHER IS A FASHION OBSESSED FREPPY IDIOT
WE'VE WON.
hch

THE LATE TEAM WILL ONLY BE DOING JANITORIAL WORK FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS
WHAT?!
IF WE CAN ONLY PRACTICE FOR THREE DAYS, OF COURSE THEY'RE GOING TO WIN!
AND WE HAVE A NEWBIE ON OUR SIDE, TOO!
THAT DEPENDS ON YOU
I'M SURE YOU'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING
AND THANKS TO THAT, I'M ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A REGULAR
NOW THEN WE WILL START OUR INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE
SHIKUJIMA WILL REPORT THE DETAILS OF EACH TEAM'S TRAINING REGIMENT TO ME
YES, MA'AM.

SO I'LL BE PUT AWAY THE NET AND BALLS AND WIPE THE FLOORS CLEAN FIRST.
OUR TEAM WILL BE USING THE ENTIRE COURT TO TRAIN.
WE'LL BE RUNNING UNTIL YOU FINISH.
WELL THEN...
OH, AND THE TEAM ROOM'S DIRTY
SORRY!
DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY NAO
WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING THIS FOR THREE DAYS WITH JUST THREE PEOPLE?!
WHAT? CLEANING UP THE ROOM WITH JUST THE TWO OF US IS GOING TO BE SO TIRING
POUT
YOU CAN RELAX IN THE ROOM.
I'LL CLEAN.
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.
OK.
SENIOR SHIKIJIMA, HAYASAKA AND I WILL CLEAN UP THE ROOM, SO CAN YOU AND NERI TAKE CARE OF THE BALLS?

HAH!
SHIGERU
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE LATE ON THE FIRST DAY
IT'S FINE I'LL DO IT MYSELF
ANYWAY, I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT YOU BEING A TRAINER AT ALL.
OF COURSE BECAUSE I DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT

WAS THAT WHY YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULDN'T LET THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED TO MY SISTER HAPPEN TO ME?
NO.
NO
BECAUSE YOU FELT RESPONSIBLE SO YOU QUIT VOLLEYBALL?
WHY?
I...
DIDN'T COME HERE TO KOKUYOU VALLEY TO GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR VOLLEYBALL CAREER, YOU KNOW?!
PANT
PANT

AH!
JUST LIE DOWN HERE.
WHY?
COME HERE FOR A SEC
YOUR BREATHS ARE SHALLOW.
JUST LISTEN TO ME AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH...
inhale
NO... I MEAN, THAT'S NOT...
Y-YEAH, I'M FI—
AH!
DOES YOUR BACK HURT TODAY?

I WON'T BE FOOLED BY THAT...
AH...

YOUR BODY HAS GOTTEN MUCH SOFTER.

I'M NOT FOOLING YOU.

THAT'S CHEAP, UHIGE-KUN...
YOU ALWAYS GIVE ME A MASSAGE RIGHT WHEN I'M ABOUT TO SNAP...

DON'T GET ME WRONG,
NERI.
IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF YOU.
I QUIT BECAUSE OF ME.

IT'S TRUE THAT UP UNTIL NOW I HADN'T BEEN ASKED, BUT I BECAME A TRAINER OUT OF MY OWN FREE WILL
THIS PERIOD OF TIME WILL BE WHEN I CAN TEST MY SKILLS.
"...WANT TO..."
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THEN I'D LIKE TO DO IT WHERE I'M WANTED
"SHIGEKI, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GROW UP?"
"ME? I..."
"...BECOME LIKE MY DAD."

DO YOU NOT LIKE ME AS A TRAINER?
IF SO, THEN I'LL CONSIDER QUITTING.

THERE'S NO WAY...
I WOULDN'T LIKE IT.

YOU ALWAYS THINK OF THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO...
U-BUT...!
SNIFF
"THAT'S WHY I DON'T REALLY TRUST THINGS I CAN'T FEEL DIRECTLY"
Y-YOU MEAN THIS?
?
Mean what?
HEY!

(CLICK)
WE'RE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS!
HOW SUSPI-CIOUS!
THEY'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE DOING IT?
THOSE TWO HAVEN'T COME BACK FROM THE STORAGE ROOM YET.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I TALKED TO HIM.
THANKS, MANABU.
NO PROBLEM. THIS THE TRASH? I'LL TAKE IT OUT.
NERI, THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THE BALLS.
"MANABU!"
WHAT IS?
THAT'S GREAT!
Fight 10

OUTSIDE HITTER: PNSXTR
SETTER: TERRACANNON875
MIDDLE HITTER: DANIPPO
OPPOSITE HITTER: GALLETITA
LIBERO: SOPHENDOJDOT

Fight.11 dog race

(DASH)

(CLATTER CLATTER)

LET'S DO THE LINE-TOUCH DASH NOW

UGH

I GENERALLY DO 15 BEFORE I MEET UP WITH YOU GUYS AND THEN DO TEN MORE.

THAT WAS ONLY THE SEVENTH

THAT 20-YARD DASH WAS HARD!

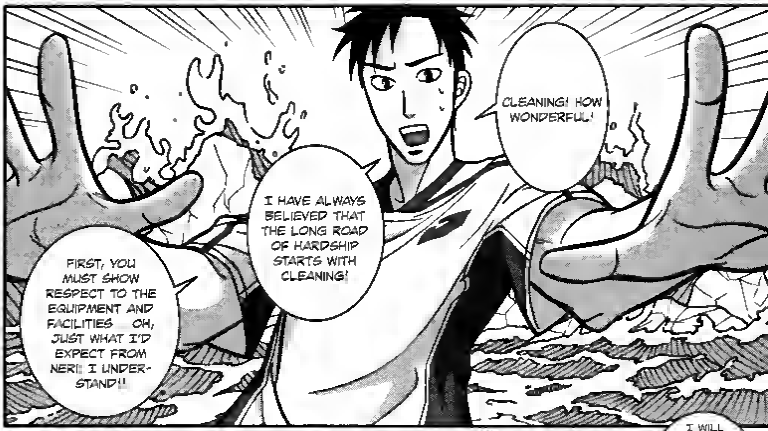
SHINO, YOU'RE AMAZING!

MOVE IT! MOVE IT!

HEY, YOU SURE THE COACH WON'T GET MAD AT US FOR THIS?
SHE TOLD US TO ONLY DO CHORES FOR THREE DAYS
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT THIS WE'RE RUNNING
REALLY?
BUT COACH SAID TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING
THAT'S WHY I THINK SHE'LL OVERLOOK WHAT WE'RE DOING
OH, THEN, CLEANING THE TRAINING MACHINE WAS MUSCLE TRAINING, RIGHT?
YEP.
WE'LL GET THROUGH SOME HOW
FOR REAL?!

HOW THE HECK DID YOU THINK UP SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
OH,
I WAS ALWAYS BENCHED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SO I ALWAYS TRAINED LIKE THIS.
EH? NO WAY! YOU WERE A SUBSTITUTE?!
OH, THEN THE REASON I NEVER SAW YOU IN MIDDLE-SCHOOL MATCHES...
THAT WAS WHY
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ONLY NERI...
They'd tell me "Don't draw your feet! Go pick up the balls and run!"
Whoa.
...ISN'T PANTING AT ALL.
CLEANING
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
(RATTLE RATTLE)
OH!
I GET IT! BRO'S YOUR TRAINER NOW, SO YOU GOT ALL EXCITED AND CAME IN LA~
AUGH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE FIRST DAY?
N-NERI...
OH, THE GUY WHO TRIPPED!
OH, YEAH...
OH, THE SNAKE GUY!
blush
CLEANING.
YOU ASSHOLE, ARE YOU SLACKING OFF...
SHIKIJIMA!
AGAIN


CLEANING! HOW WONDERFUL!
I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE LONG ROAD OF HARDSHIP STARTS WITH CLEANING!
FIRST, YOU MUST SHOW RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES OH, JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM NERI! I UNDERSTAND!!

(C'MON, PONG!)
I WILL REQUEST A CONTRIBUTION OF CLEANING EQUIPMENT FROM MY PARENTS, POST-HASTE!
SHIKIJIMA! WE SHALL START POLISHING THE BALLS TOO
OH, IT'S THE BELL.
LET'S GO.

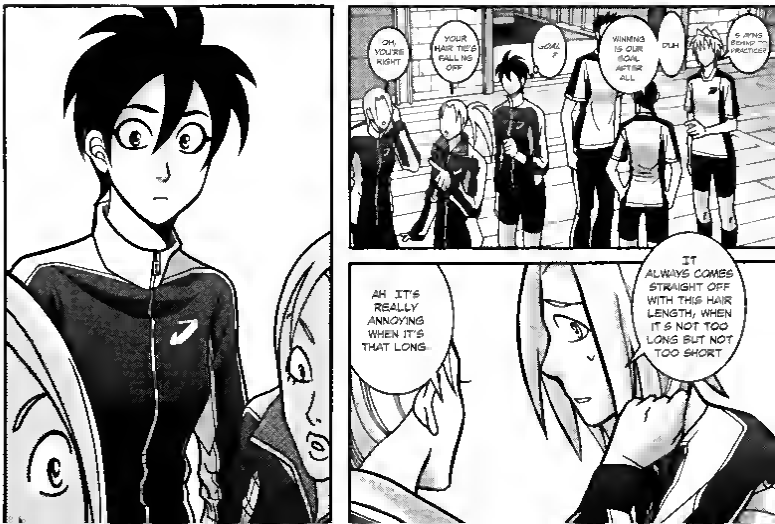
I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE RULES FOR THE MATCH BETWEEN THE NEWCOMERS THAT IS IN A WEEK
TEAM A WILL BE NORITOMO, ITAMI, AND HASEGAWA
TEAM B WILL BE OOISHI, ODAGIRI AND HAYASAKA
A TEAM NORITOMO ITAMI HASEGAWA
3 SETS
UNDER
THERE WILL BE THREE SETS OF 15 POINTS EACH. ALL SERVES WILL BE UNDER-HANDED.
GAME WILL BE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE RED TAPE AS SHOWN IN THE DIAGRAM.

DOES TEAM B HAVE ANYONE WHO'S AN EXPERIENCED SETTER?
THE SETTER WILL OF COURSE BE ME SINCE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE SETTER FOR MY TEAM
Who knows
What'll we do about the setter?

AS FOR THE POSITIONS
ONLY THE SETTER'S IS FIXED
3 SETS 15-POINT MATCH
UNDERHAND SERVES
YES!

COME TO ME ANYTIME IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
ALSO YES, THAT'S RIGHT

DO NOT TRAIN AIMLESSLY.
ALWAYS HAVE A GOAL IN MIND.
THAT IS ALL
DIS-MISSED
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

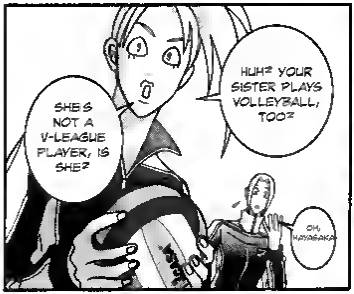

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT
YOUR HAIR TIE'S FALLING OFF
GOAL?
WINNING IS OUR GOAL AFTER ALL
DUH
G JAPAN Rejoin TO PRACTICE!
IT ALWAYS COMES STRAIGHT OFF WITH THIS HAIR LENGTH, WHEN IT'S NOT TOO LONG BUT NOT TOO SHORT
AH, IT'S REALLY ANNOYING WHEN IT'S THAT LONG.

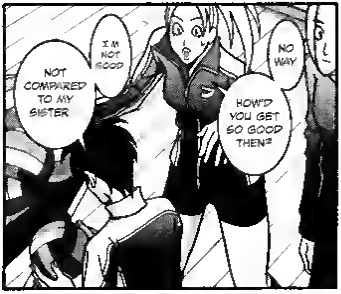
HMM.
ISN'T IT BETTER TO LET HER REMEMBER THE PROPER FORM BY PRACTICING HOW TO MAKE PASSES FIRST?
TRAINING ON HOW TO SERVE?

WHEN THE BALL IS SERVED,
IT DOESN'T COME STRAIGHT AT YOU.
SOASA

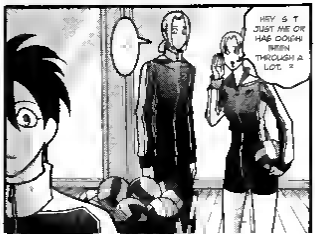
NERI.
EH?! YOU?
IF YOU SUDDENLY START WITH PASSING, YOU'LL BE SCARED OF THE BALL UNTIL YOU JUST GET USED TO IT
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ME

YEAH
I HATED VOLLEYBALL IN THE BEGINNING
I WAS SCARED OF THE BALL AND OF PEOPLE


HUH? YOUR SISTER PLAYS VOLLEYBALL, TOO?
SHE'S NOT A V-LEAGUE PLAYER, IS SHE?
OH, MIYASAKA

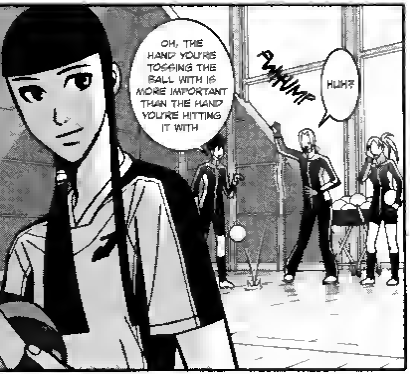

I'M NOT GOOD
NOT COMPARED TO MY SISTER
NO WAY
HOW'D YOU GET SO GOOD THEN?

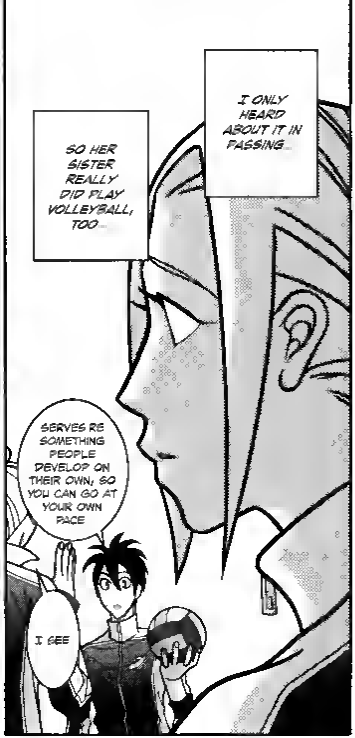
NO, IT'S OK.
I'M SOR-


HEY, S.T JUST ME OR HAS DOSHA BEEN THROUGH A LOT..?

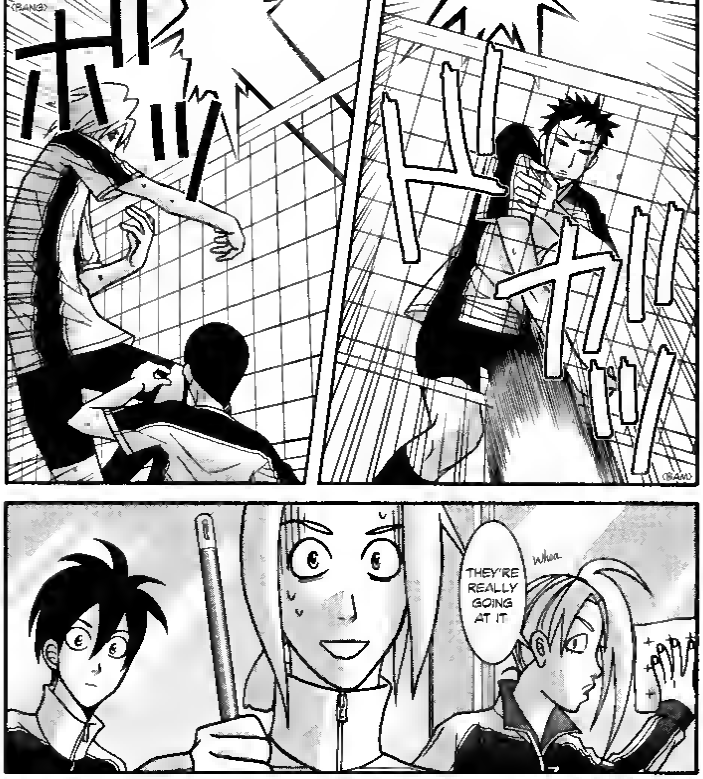
NOPE.
SHE DIED.

OK!
BESIDES, JUST THIS WON'T HELP.
WELL, FOR NOW, LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT.


OH, THE HAND YOU'RE TOSSING THE BALL WITH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE HAND YOU'RE HITTING IT WITH
PAKUMI
HUH?

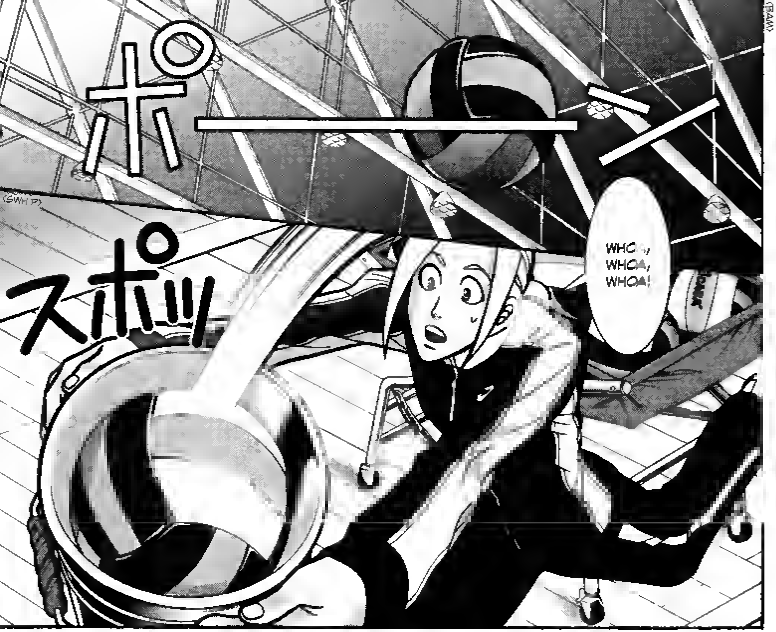

I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT IN PASSING...
SO HER SISTER REALLY DID PLAY VOLLEYBALL, TOO...
SERVES RE SOMETHING PEOPLE DEVELOP ON THEIR OWN, SO YOU CAN GO AT YOUR OWN PACE
I SEE

THEY HAVE AMATEURS WHO HAVE TO LEARN THE BASICS, SO THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE.
WE HAVE TWO HITTERS ON OUR SIDE ALREADY, SO IT'LL BE EASY


(BANG)
BAM!

THEY'RE REALLY GOING AT IT
Whoa.

KUH?!
MANABU, BRING A BUCKET OVER HERE.
O-OK.
WHAT? PICKING UP BALLS IS NOT PART OF CLEANING!
THAT'S OK.
LET'S DO IT.
CAN YOU PICK UP THE BALLS FOR US?
HEY, YOU THREE.
I WONDER IF I CAN RETURN THOSE KIND OF SPIKES...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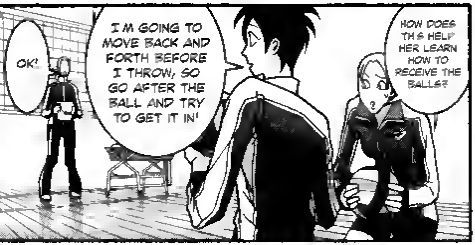
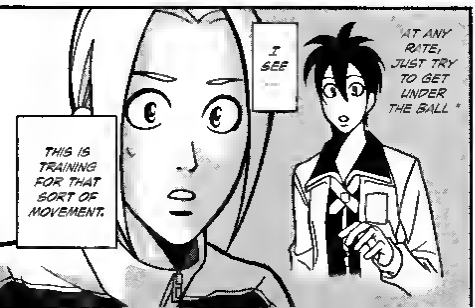
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!


OK!
I'M GOING TO MOVE BACK AND FORTH BEFORE I THROW, SO GO AFTER THE BALL AND TRY TO GET IT IN!
HOW DOES TH@ HELP HER LEARN HOW TO RECEIVE THE BALL?


I SEE...
"AT ANY RATE, JUST TRY TO GET UNDER THE BALL."
THIS IS TRAINING FOR THAT SORT OF MOVEMENT.

NICE JOB!
YOU'RE NOT SCARED THIS WAY, RIGHT?
NOPE!

TEAM B LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PLAYING AROUND
Jeez.
ALL RIGHT!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
NOW, WHY DON'T WE TRY CHANGING THE BUCKET TO A TRASH CAN?
WHY NOT?
Ha ha ha!
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY TRASH WE CAN THROW THAT'LL GET FAR ENOUGH!

(PING PONG)
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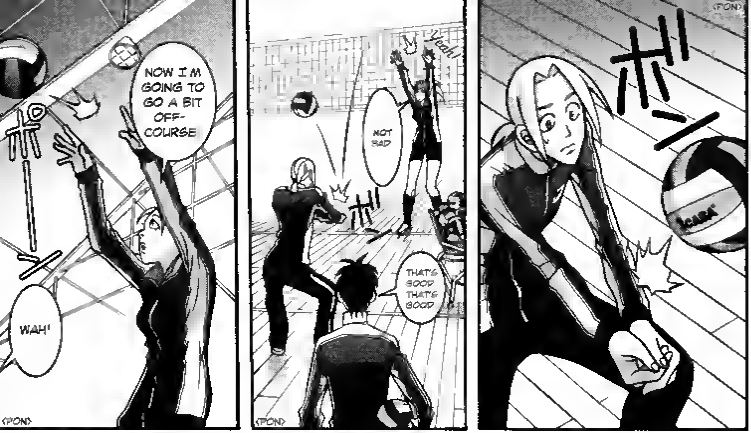
AND THIS IS THE DEFAULT STANCE.
(CRICK CRICK)
L-LIKE THIS?
IF YOU TENSE UP, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE, SO RELAX A BIT MORE.
HERE I GO!
AND THEN, YOU KIND OF PUSH OUT USING YOUR KNEES AND WAIST.


NOW I'M GOING TO GO A BIT OFF-COURSE
WAH!
NOT BAD
THAT'S GOOD! THAT'S GOOD!
POW!
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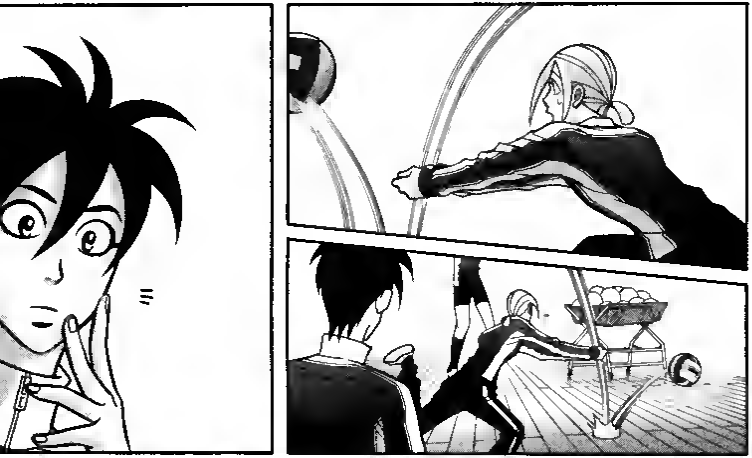
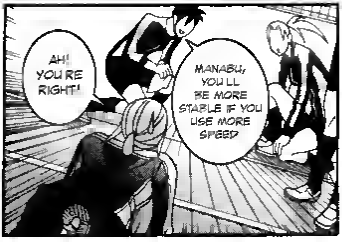


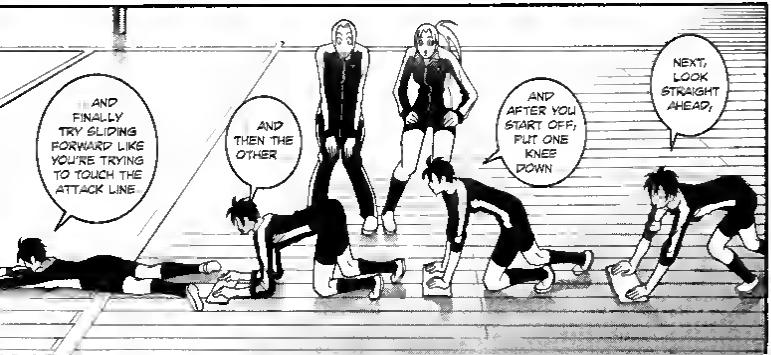
I SEE...
THEN, FOR TOMORROW, LET'S...
IF YOU SUPPORT YOURSELF, IT DOESN'T HURT!
I-I AM...
MANABU, YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF TRIPPING, ARE YOU?

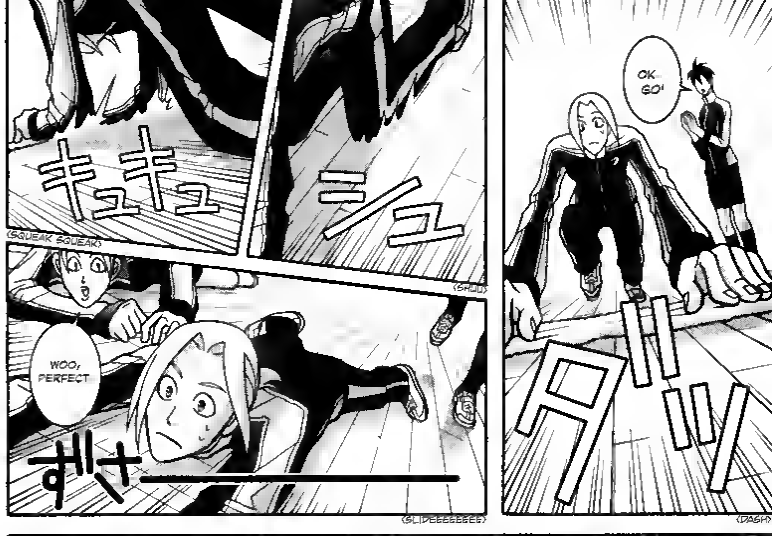
HEY!
SORRY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BAD AT IT
ESPECIALLY YOU, HASEGAWA! YOUR RECEIVING IS HORRIBLE!
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
NOW THE HELL DID YOU GET ADMITTED?!
YOUR TIMINGS ARE ALL OFF!
IT'S YOUR FAULT IN THE FIRST PLACE! YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH BEING THE SETTER WHEN YOU'RE THE WORST AT RECEIVING!
WHAT?!
SHOULDN'T WE CHANGE POSITIONS?
AT ANY RATE, YOUR JOB THIS TIME IS TO RECEIVE THE BALLS, SO DO IT RIGHT!
(CLATTER CLATTER)
WHY YOU... I'M JUST-
THE SETTER NEEDS TO BE THE ONE WITH THE MOST EXPERIENCE! DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!

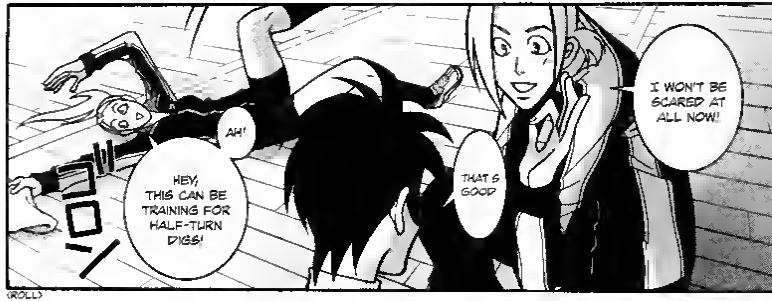
FIRST!
WHOA, YOU'RE FAST!

HEY, YOU'RE NOT USING HALF OF THE COURT. CAN WE CLEAN IT?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
YEAH, HELP YOURSELF
LEG AND AB MUSCLE TRAINING?


AH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
MANABU, YOU'LL BE MORE STABLE IF YOU LOSE MORE SPEED

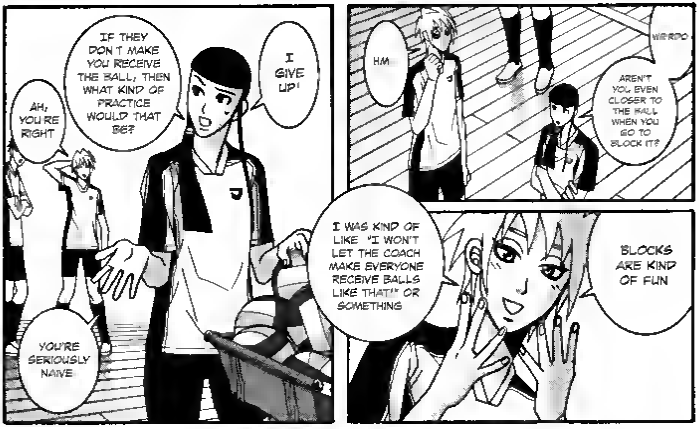

AND FINALLY TRY SLIDING FORWARD LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO TOUCH THE ATTACK LINE
AND THEN THE OTHER
AND AFTER YOU START OFF, PUT ONE KNEE DOWN
NEXT, LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD,


OK, GO!
(DASH)
(SQUEAK SQUEAK)
(CHILD)
WOO, PERFECT
(GLIDEEEEEEEE)


I WON'T BE SCARED AT ALL NOW!
THAT'S GOOD
AH!
HEY, THIS CAN BE TRAINING FOR HALF-TURN DIGS!
(ROLL)

HAYABAKA, YOU'RE AMAZING
ANYONE CAN DO IT AS LONG AS YOU'RE USED TO IT
I WANT TO DO THAT, TOO.
HUH?
IT'S FASTER IF YOU JUST PRACTICE FOR REAL
DO YOU THINK SO?

WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I HAD TO RECEIVE SOME PRETTY STRONG SHOTS STRAIGHT FROM THE FRONT AS PRACTICE,
BUT THAT WAS REALLY SCARY, AND WHENEVER I RECEIVE BALLS NOW, I REMEMBER IT.


I GIVE UP!
IF THEY DON'T MAKE YOU RECEIVE THE BALL, THEN WHAT KIND OF PRACTICE WOULD THAT BE?
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NAIVE
HM
AREN'T YOU EVEN CLOSER TO THE WALL WHEN YOU GO TO BLOCK IT?
I WAS KIND OF LIKE "I WON'T LET THE COACH MAKE EVERYONE RECEIVE BALLS LIKE THAT!" OR SOMETHING
BLOCKS ARE KIND OF FUN

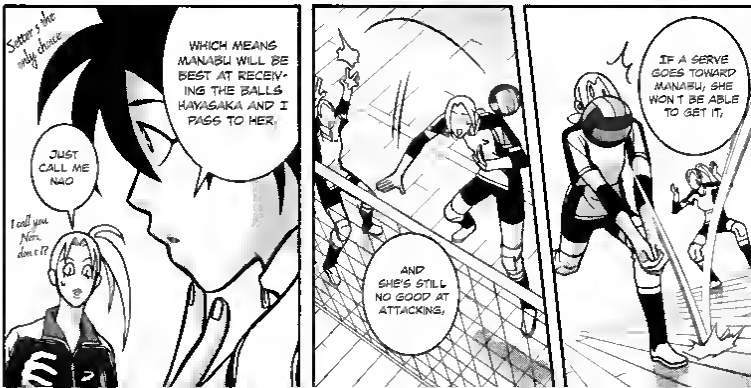
TALL PEOPLE SURE HAVE IT EASY, LUCKY THEM.
WITH MY HEIGHT, I WON'T BE ACKNOWLEDGED UNLESS I PRACTICE MUCH HARDER THAN YOU

ANYWAY, I JUST HAVE TO WIN THE MATCH AND SHOW THE COACH THAT I'M USEFUL
...ALL RIGHT,
LET'S DO SOME SPEED ATTACK PRACTICE.
YAY!
COACH, ABOUT THE TIME OF THE MATCH...
THE TIME OF THE MATCH?
OH NO GOOD, NO GOOD...
HM,
YEAH, THEY HAVE
THEY'VE REALLY PUT THOUGHT INTO THIS.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT.
IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SECOND-YEARS WHO'VE FINISHED THEIR EXAMS WILL COME TO WATCH. ISN'T THAT INTERESTING?

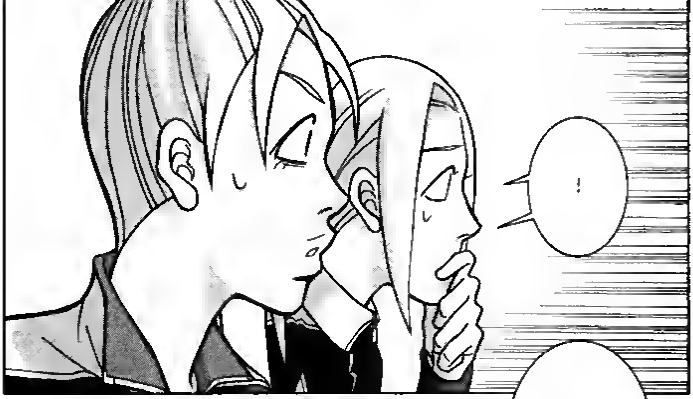
(SIGH)
IT'S KIND OF EASIER FOR ME TO PASS OVERHEAD
HUH?
NO WAY!

IT'S GOOD, REALLY GOOD
I THINK FINGER LENGTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ACTUAL HEIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO BLOCKING
IS IT GOOD THAT MY FINGERS ARE LONG?
WHOA, YOU'RE RIGHT. YOUR HANDS ARE HUGE
MANABU, LET ME SEE YOUR HAND.
OK.
HAVING THE BALL GO OVER YOU IS WAY HARDER THAN DIGGING IT
OH, JUST AS I THOUGHT
YOUR FINGERS ARE LONG AND YOUR PALMS ARE LARGE, TOO. SO IT'S EASIER TO WRAP AROUND THE BALL

EHHHHH?!
THE SETTER HAS TO BE THE MOST SKILLFUL PLAYER OR ELSE WE'RE SCREWED!
YEAH, BUT STILL
OUR SETTER IS MANABU
MM,
THEN...


Setter: the only choice
WHICH MEANS MANABU WILL BE BEST AT RECEIVING THE BALLS HAYASAKA AND I PASS TO HER.
JUST CALL ME NAO
I call you Nao-don't I?
AND SHE'S STILL NO GOOD AT ATTACKING.
IF A SERVE GOES TOWARD MANABU, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT.

IT'S NOT WINNING?
EH...?
IN A NORMAL MATCH, YES...
BUT WHAT'S THE GOAL IN THIS MATCH?
BUT ISN'T IT BETTER IF WE COVER FOR MANABU?
I WILL...
...HIT ALL THE BALLS MANABU DOESN'T SET WELL...
SHE DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD ABOUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU WIN
THE COACH...
IF MANABU SETS A BALL WELL, NAO WILL HIT IT.
THAT'S WHY NAO AND I WILL SERVE AND RECEIVE.
EH, THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?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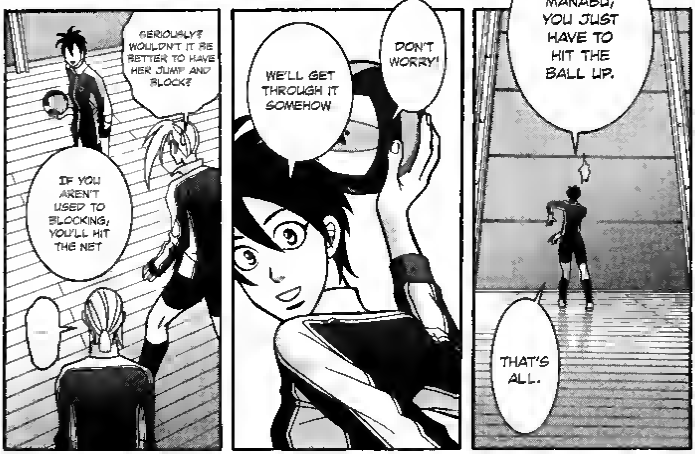
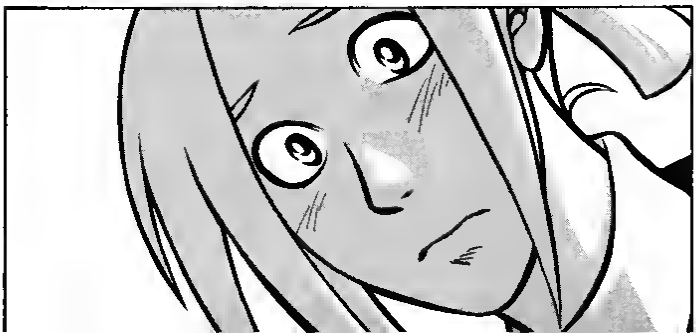
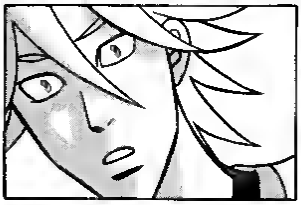

MANABU, YOU JUST HAVE TO HIT THE BALL UP.
THAT'S ALL.
DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL GET THROUGH IT SOMEHOW
SERIOUSLY? WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO HAVE HER JUMP AND BLOCK?
IF YOU AREN'T USED TO BLOCKING, YOU'LL HIT THE NET





UM, AND BRING YOUR VOLLEYBALL EQUIPMENT.
AH, YEAH TELL ME LATER
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I'M SORRY, BUT I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD COME OUT RIGHT NOW.

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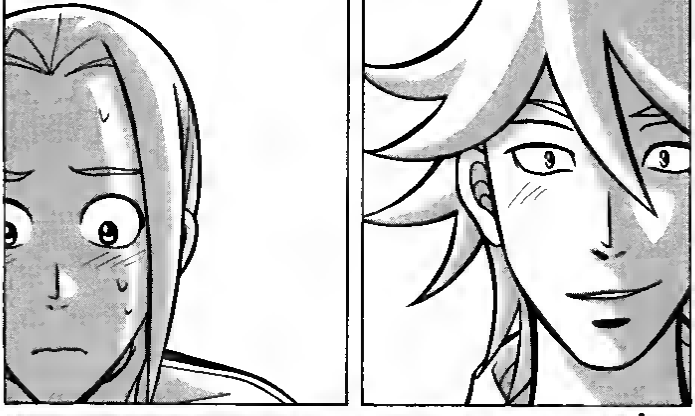

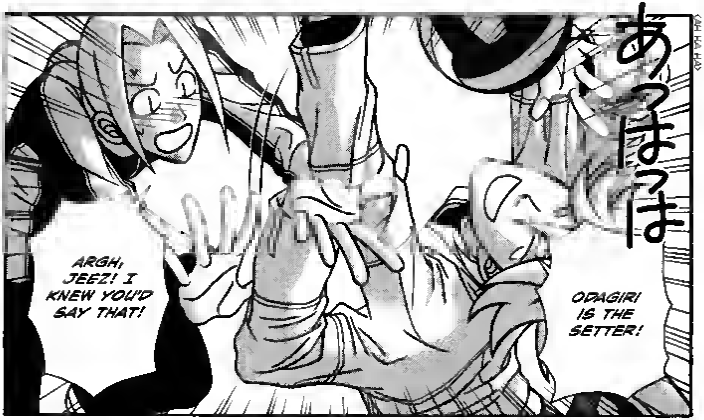
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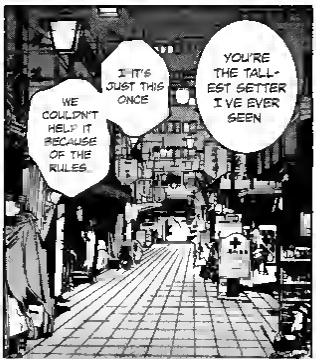
ODAGIRI IS THE SETTER!
ARGH, JEEZ! I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!


YOU'RE THE TALLEST SETTER I'VE EVER SEEN
IT'S JUST THIS ONCE
WE COULDN'T HELP IT BECAUSE OF THE RULES...

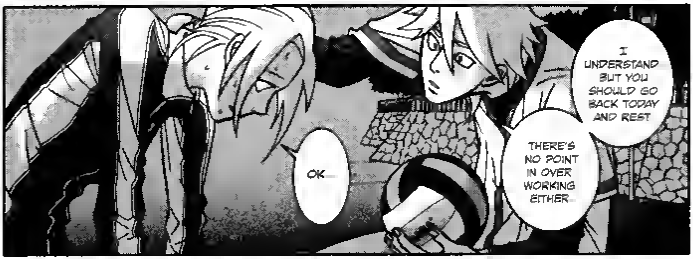
SO? WHAT IS IT?
YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU HOW?
YES.

FACE YOUR BODY IN THE DIRECTION YOU WANT THE BALL TO GO
THAT'S RIGHT.
AT THE START WAIT HOW EVER YOU WANT. IT'S BETTER TO TURN WITH THE DIRECTION OF YOUR
AND THEN IT'S BETTER TO GRADUALLY LOWER THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU'RE TOUCHING THE BALL
O-OK.

THINK OF THE BALL AS A BOMB
THAT WAY, IT'LL BE EASIER TO IMAGINE WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WITH YOUR KNEES TO HIT IT SOFTLY.
I-I SEE!
MIKASA

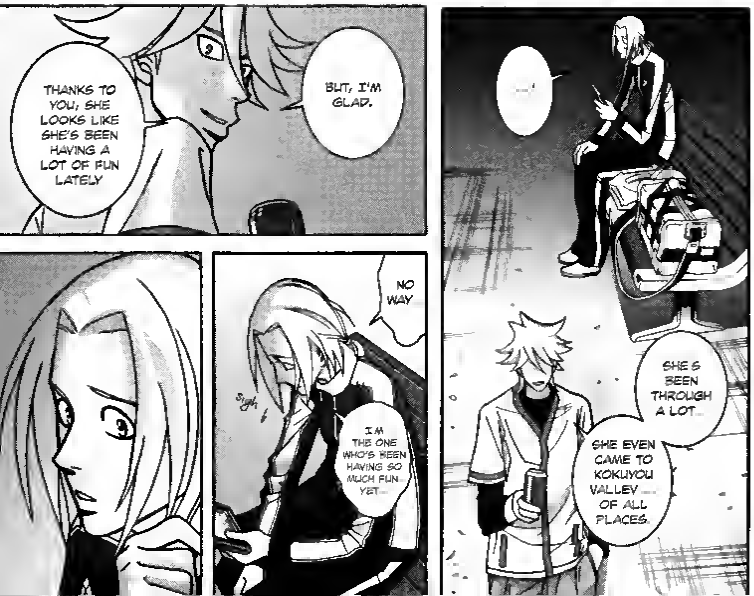
WAH!
SAH!
KA
BOOM!

EVERYONE DOING S SOMETHING FOR ME; SO I WANT TO DO SOMETHING, TOO
BOTH NERI AND NAO ARE EVEN THINKING UP WAYS TO PRACTICE WITH ME...
AREN'T YOU GOING A BIT FAR FOR SOMEONE WHO'S JUST STARTING OUT?
FIRST, YOU'RE DOING VOLUNTARY PRACTICE AFTER CLASS, AND NOW THIS...

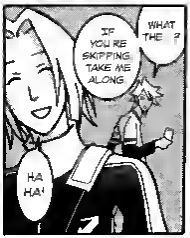

OK...
THERE'S NO POINT IN OVER WORKING EITHER...
I UNDERSTAND BUT YOU SHOULD GO BACK TODAY AND REST

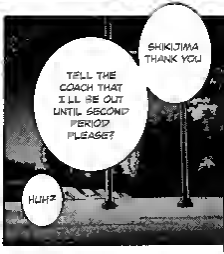
AH, I'M FINE...
ODAGIRI WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

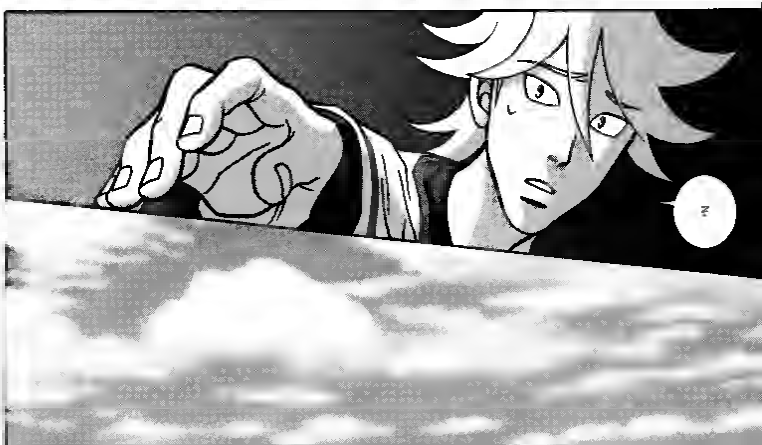
SHE DIED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT THE DAY BEFORE THE FINALS WITH SPRING HIGH.
THAT'S NERI'S SISTER, MARI.
OH, AN OLD PHOTO.
THIS IS...?
HM... THEN, WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL WEARING THE JERSEY TO NERI'S LEFT?
AT THE TIME, NERI HATED VOLLEYBALL, WHICH IS WHY SHE'S ALL SULKY THERE.


THANKS TO YOU, SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BEEN HAVING A LOT OF FUN LATELY
BUT, I'M GLAD.
...
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT...
SHE EVEN CAME TO KOKUYOU VALLEY — OF ALL PLACES.
NO WAY
SIGH
I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN HAVING SO MUCH FUN... YET...

I'M GOING TO GET MYSELF FIRED UP A BIT!
GOOD NIGHT!


WHAT THE ?
IF YOU'RE SKIPPING, TAKE ME ALONG
HA HA!


SHIKIJIMA THANK YOU
TELL THE COACH THAT I'LL BE OUT UNTIL SECOND PERIOD PLEASE?
HUH?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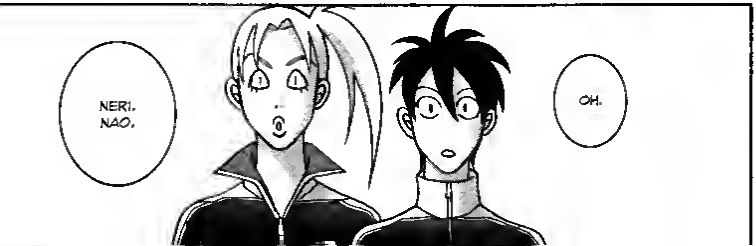
WAIT A SEC...

GOOD MORNING!
MAYBE WE FLUSHED HER TOO HARD?
MANABU'S LATE
(CLATTER)

YES MA'AM.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN REPORTED TO ME
RUN TEN LAPS AROUND THE GROUND'S

WHY'S OUR ROOM OVERFLOWING WITH CLEANING SUPPLIES?!
LOOKS LIKE MIKUNI CORP DONATED THIS TO THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM "FOR THEIR DILIGENCE."
IT'LL BE GOOD EXERCISE
RETURN THE EXTRA PRODUCTS TO MIKUNI.


NERI. NAO.
OH.

GOOD MORNING!

"TO MIKUNI: THE CLEANING EQUIPMENT'S IN THE WAY; SO WE CAN'T CLEAN WE'RE RETURNING THEM." WHAT THE HELL?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
MIKUNI!!
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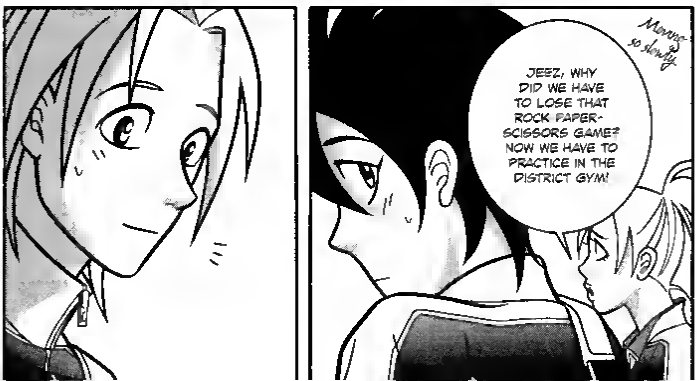
WHY DO YOU THINK COACH JINNAI TOLD US TO PRACTICE SEPARATELY STARTING TODAY?
ISN'T IT SO THAT WE DON'T SEE THE OTHER TEAM'S MOVES UNTIL THE DAY OF THE MATCH?


Mmmm... so slowly
JEEZ, WHY DID WE HAVE TO LOSE THAT ROCK PAPER-SCISSORS GAME? NOW WE HAVE TO PRACTICE IN THE DISTRICT GYM!

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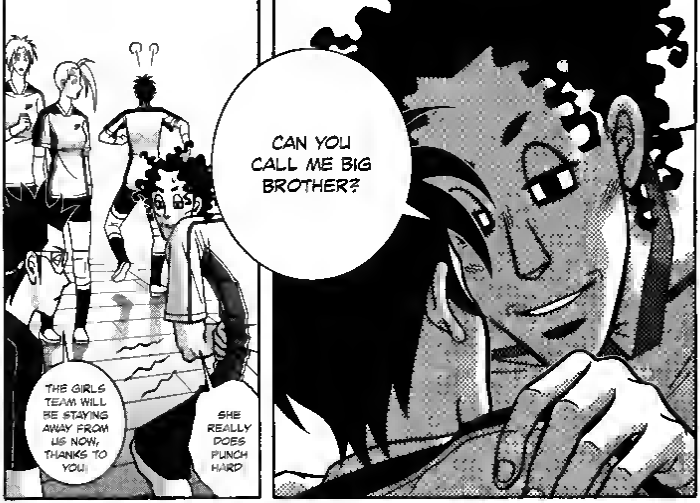
NERIMA DISTRICT GYM
IS MY HAIR ... WEIRD, NERI?
NO, NOT REALLY
I THINK IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU!
OUTSIDE HITTER: LNYXTR
SETTER: TERRACANNON876
MIDDLE HITTER: DRHIPPO
OPPOSITE HITTER: GALLETTA
LIBERO: SOPHEHOO|BOT

IT'S A REALLY GOOD CUT WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
SOMEWHERE NEAR THE EKODA STATION. NEXT TO THE SUPER MARKET
OH!
DO YOU MEAN HAIR SLANG?
THEN MAYBE MY MOM CUT YOUR HAIR
AH. NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT SHE REALLY DID LOOK LIKE YOU NAO!
OH?

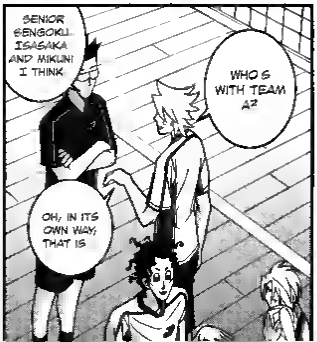
HUH? AREN'T THEY THE SHIKUWA BROTHERS?
YEAH
ODAGIRI'S GOT SHORT HAIR!!
W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
YOU'VE HAD A PERM SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! WE ALL THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE IT FOREVER! YOU SURE GOT FIRED UP!
あっぱっぱ
WAH!
WHO'S YURAGI?
BRO HERE IS GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE TEAM AT THE DISTRICT GYM; AND THEN THERE'S ME AND SENIOR YURAGI —
WE WERE RECRUITED TO HELP THE GIRLS PRACTICE TODAY ORDERS FROM COACH

YOU'RE NOT EVEN 5 FEET YET, RIGHT?
YOU WERE RIGHT! SHE'S TINY!
OH, YOU KNOW ME? THEN WE CAN FINISH THIS FAST.
Y-YOU'RE THE GUY NAMED YURAGI!

NERI, WAS IT? I'VE GOT A REQUEST FOR YOU.
MM, CUTE. VERY CUTE, YES.
OH, THOSE TWO ARE FAMOUS. SO WE'LL FORGET ABOUT THEM FROM NOW ON.
HEY THERE, NICE TO MEET YOU! IN CHARGE OF TEAM B IS ME, RYOUMA YURAGI. AND FRIENDS!


CAN YOU CALL ME BIG BROTHER?
THE GIRLS TEAM WILL BE STAYING AWAY FROM US NOW, THANKS TO YOU!
SHE REALLY DOES PUNCH HARD

THAT WAS A ROUNDABOUT WAY OF TELLING YOU TO LEAVE, IDIOT
RIGHT, SHIGERU ?
AND UNLIKE THE GIRLS TEAM, WE DON'T DEMOTE PEOPLE TO SUBS
OH, I'M A GENIUS, SO IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT
WE CAN'T IMPOSE ON YOU
SHOULDN'T YOU BE STUDYING ?
D-DON'T THE SECOND YEAR BOYS HAVE A TEST COMING UP ?
You're back! creepy


SENIOR GENGOKU, ISAGAKA AND MIKUNI I THINK
WHO'S WITH TEAM A?
OH, IN ITS OWN WAY, THAT IS

I'M GONNA KILL YOU
WHY DO WE HAVE TO PRACTICE WITH THESE PERVERTED GUYS?!
THIS ONE'S SO SINEWY I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT SHE WAS A GIRL
HM, NO, NO. I WAS JUST THINKING WHAT FINE BONE STRUCTURE YOU HAVE.
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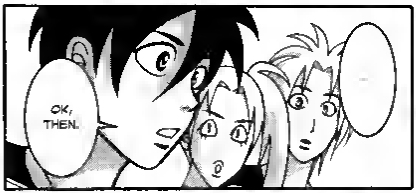
I'D I HAVE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
YOU MAY NOT WANT TO ANSWER THIS, HASEGAWA...
BUT DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
OH, NOT A BOYFRIEND
BUT THERE IS SOMEONE I WANT TO MARRY!

WE'LL GO ALONG WITH ANY THING YOU HAVE IN MIND
WHAT SORT OF TRAINING SHOULD WE DO?

NOW THEN...
NERIMA DISTRICT OFFICE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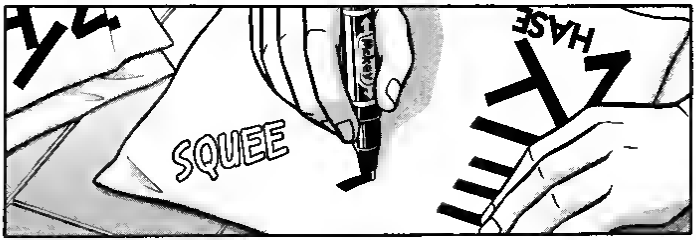
SQUEE
KASE

EH IF YOU'D TOLD ME TH S SOONER, I'D HAVE COME N GIRLS' CLOTHING
WHAT SORT OF TYPE IS NOBUTOMO'?
WELL I THINK YOU'RE JUST FINE AS IS
CACHOO

HEY THERE! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF UNTIL THE GAME

MUCHIRU IS HAGEGAWA.
SHIGERU IS ITAMI
SENIOR YURASI IS NOBUTOMO PLEASE PRETEND TO BE THE THREE OF THEM
ITAMI

HM... AS FOR THE THREE'S SPECIAL TRAITS...
ITAMI IS A SETTER, AND SHE THROWS UP PRETTY ACCURATE SETS.
I THINK SHE HAS A HABIT OF ATTACKING TWICE WHEN THE RETURN IS CLOSE TO THE NET AND HAS NO HEIGHT.
SHE'S THE BEST AT DEFENSE.
HASEGAWA HAS EXPLOSIVE POWER AND IS GOOD AT BLOCKING AND SPEED ATTACKS, BUT HER SHOTS ARE LIGHT AND PROBABLY EASY TO FACE.
ALSO, HER PASSING AND RECEIVING AREN'T ALL THAT GREAT.
NOBUTOMO IS ALL ABOUT A POWERFUL OFFENSE. SHE'S BAD AT FACING MORE THAN ONE PERSON, SO WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO TEAM UP ON HER.
SHE CAN HANDLE RECEIVING THE BALL WHEN THEY'RE STRAIGHT-ON, BUT I DON'T THINK SHE CAN HANDLE THE ONES WITH UNPREDICTABLE MOVEMENT...
WAIT, WAIT A SEC

NOBUTOMO DID MOST OF THE SERVING AND RECEIVING LAST TIME, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT
WOW, WHAT'S WITH THESE TWO

HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS?
EH, I MEAN, ALL WE'VE BEEN DOING IS CLEANING THESE PAST THREE DAYS SO I OBSERVED THEM.
A AND THEN, THERE'S THIS, RIGHT?

GO FULL OUT ON YOU?!
YEAH
THEY HAVE NERI ODISHI, SO YOU'D HAVE TO AT LEAST DO THAT
WELL SHE WAS A RUNNER UP AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH-
WE'LL MIMICK THEIR HABITS AND EXAGGERATE THEM.
GOT IT

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DAY OF THE MATCH
YO, SARA
DID YOU FINISH YOUR TESTS?
I MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE THIS TIME
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SPENT THREE DAYS HELPING THE FIRST YEARS WITH THEIR TRAINING.
AH, THAT GOT INTERESTING, SO TIME JUST FLEW.
BY THE WAY, WHICH SIDE DO YOU THINK LL WIN?
THE COACH WON'T BE LOOKING AT WINS AND LOSSES FROM THIS GAME.
NO, NO; I'M ASKING WHAT YOU THINK.
SARA ALWAYS PUTS OTHERS BEFORE HER.
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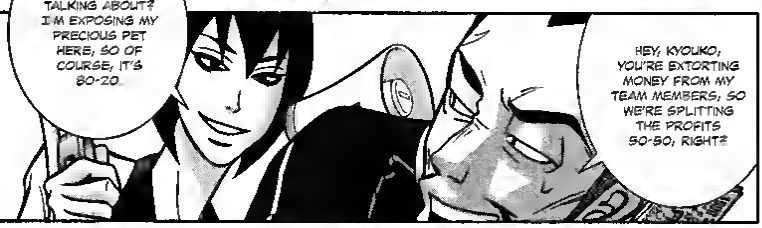
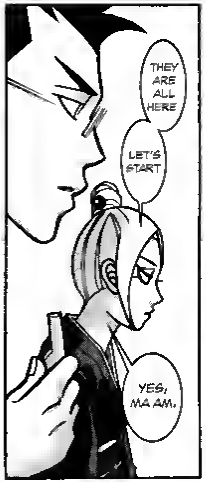
MURMUR
TEAM B, TEN TICKETS
MICHIRU!
YOU SERIOUS?
1 TICKET, 200 YEN
COME, COME! ARE THERE ANY OTHER BRAVE SOULS WILLING TO BET ON TEAM B, ONE OF WHOSE MEMBERS IS NEW TO THE GAME?
1枚 ¥200
AND YOUR "MASTER" IS AS ENERGETIC AS ALWAYS
HOW'D THIS HAPPEN
Yuka is looking out for the coach.
(YEAH, YEAH)


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M EXPOSING MY PRECIOUS PET HERE, SO OF COURSE, IT'S 80-20.
HEY, KYOUKO, YOU'RE EXTORTING MONEY FROM MY TEAM MEMBERS; SO WE'RE SPLITTING THE PROFITS 50-50, RIGHT?

I READ IN AN ARTICLE THAT HAKUYINZAN HIGH ACCEPTED AN OUTSIDE RECOMMENDATION OF SOMEONE AMAZING WHO'S RETURNING TO THE COUNTRY.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY TO BUY THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF VOLLEYBALL HEAVEN!
AH, YUKA OK!
1枚 ¥200

MY PARENTS HAVING MONEY IS DIFFERENT FROM ME HAVING IT.
YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY! SO MUCH YOU COULD ROT IN IT!
NO, 70-30!
60-40!
1枚 ¥200

ALL RIGHT EVERYONE! HERE COME THE MAIN PLAYERS OF OUR SHOW!


THEY ARE ALL HERE
LET'S START
YES, MA AM.

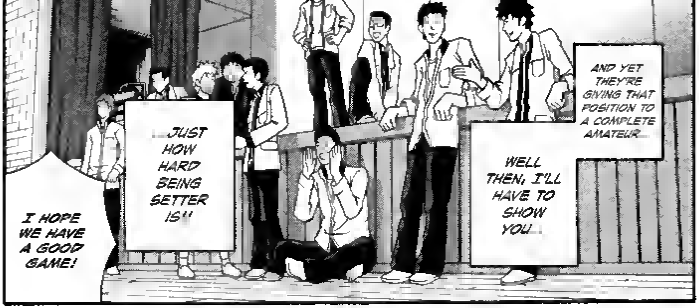
TEAM B IS MANABU ODAGIRI NERI OOISHI AND NAO HAYASAKA!

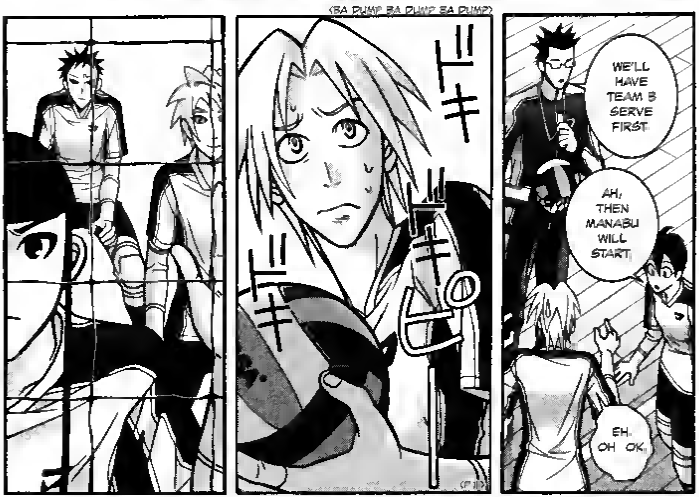
TEAM A IS RUMIKO HASEGAWA SHINO ITAMI AND ATSUKO NOBUTOMO!

TEAM A SETTER?
NO WAY.
WHAT IF MANABU'S THE SETTER?
I MEAN, SETTERS ARE
AH, HERE!

TEAM B WILL PROBABLY END UP COVERING FOR HER, WITH OOISHI ON RECEIVING, HAYASAKA AS SETTER, AND OOISHI ON OFFENSE
ANYWAY, WE'RE GOING AFTER ODAGIRI.

TEAM B SETTER?
AH, HERE
ARE THOSE IDIOTS THROWING THE MATCH?!
HM, MAYBE THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF SECRET PLAN!
ARE THEY MAKING FUN OF US?!
THE SETTER IS THE TEAM'S LEADER!
HER MOBILITY AND REFLEXES HAVE TO BE TOP-NOTCH!
IT'S A POSITION ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SLOW-MOVING GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS!!


I HOPE WE HAVE A GOOD GAME!
...JUST HOW HARD BEING SETTER IS!!
WELL THEN, I'LL HAVE TO SHOW YOU...
AND YET THEY'RE GIVING THAT POSITION TO A COMPLETE AMATEUR...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WE'LL HAVE TEAM B SERVE FIRST.
AH, THEN MANABU WILL START.
EH, OH OK.

(PUH PUH)
(WHEE)
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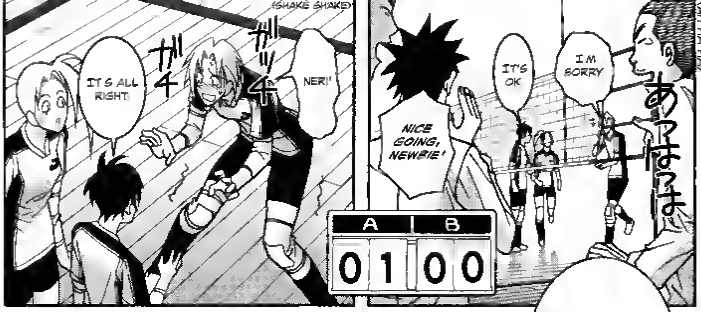
(SHAKE SHAKE)
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
NER!
NICE GOING, NEWBIE!
IT'S OK
I'M SORRY
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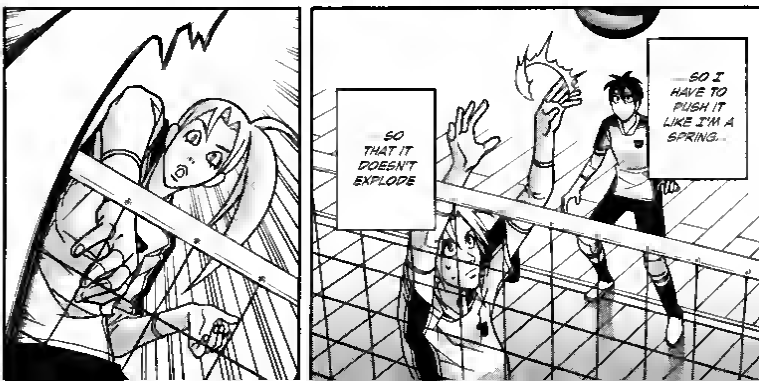
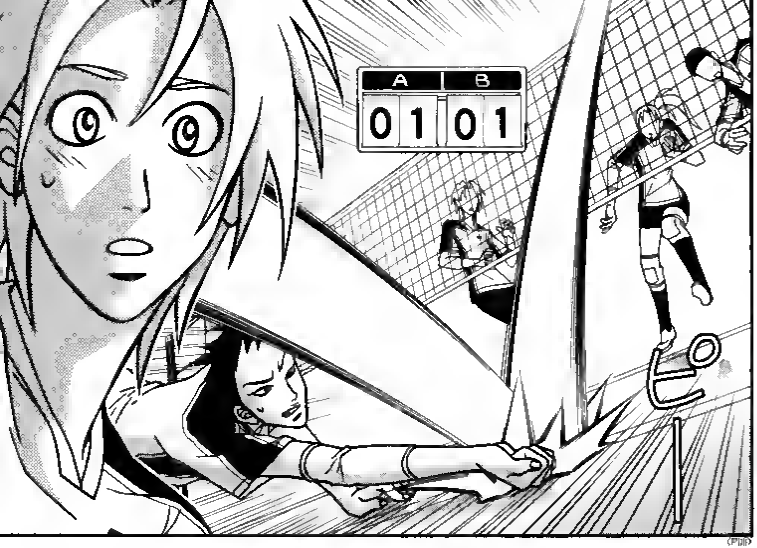
YOU SHOULD HAVE FUN IN A GAME.
IN FACT, OUR WEEK OF TRAINING SHOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HARDER.

(PUI)
LET'S GO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TREAT THE REAL THING SPECIAL JUST BECAUSE IT'S THE REAL THING
IF YOU PANIC, GO BACK TO THE BASICS
OK!

FIRST, GET UNDER THE BALL...
YES, I'M UNDER.
AND THEN, THE BALL'S LIKE A BOMB...


...SO I HAVE TO PUSH IT LIKE I'M A SPRING...
...SO THAT IT DOESN'T EXPLODE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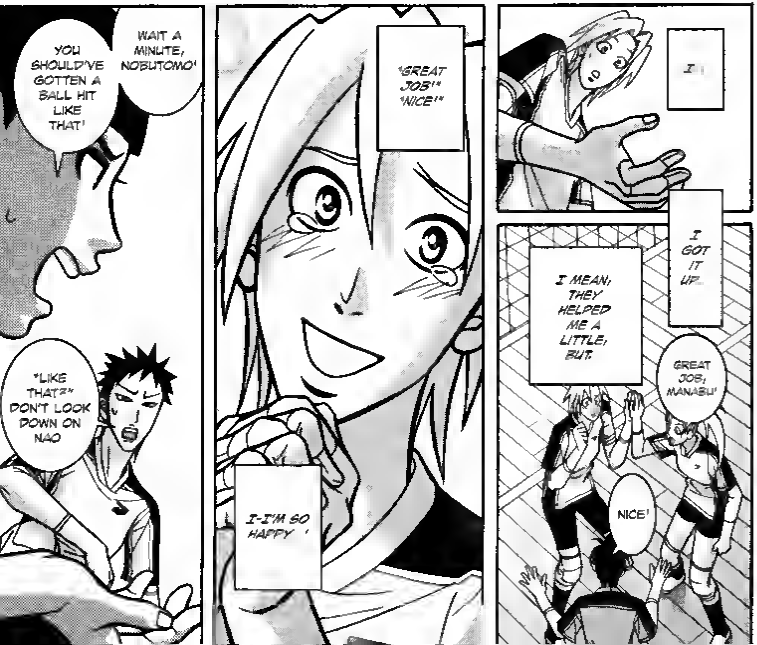
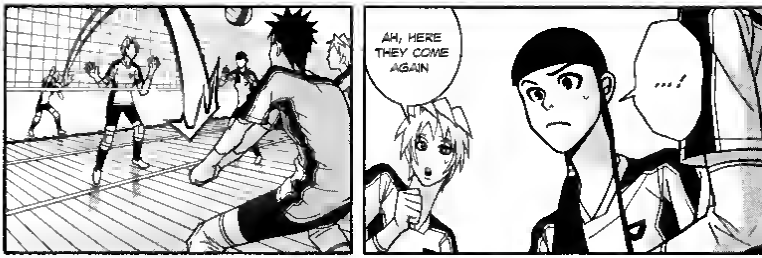

WAIT A MINUTE, NOBUTOMO!
YOU SHOULD'VE GOTTEN A BALL HIT LIKE THAT!
"LIKE THAT?" DON'T LOOK DOWN ON NAO
"GREAT JOB!" "NICE!"
I-I'M SO HAPPY
I
I GOT IT UP.
I MEAN, THEY HELPED ME A LITTLE, BUT.
GREAT JOB, MANABU!
NICE!

NAO'S REALLY ERRATIC WHEN IT COMES TO MOTIVATION, AND SHE LOVES TO SLACK OFF.
BUT EVEN SO, SHE'S REALLY SKILLFUL AND HAS NO OPENINGS
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, OUR TEAM HELD ITS GROUND BECAUSE OF HER.


AH, HERE THEY COME AGAIN
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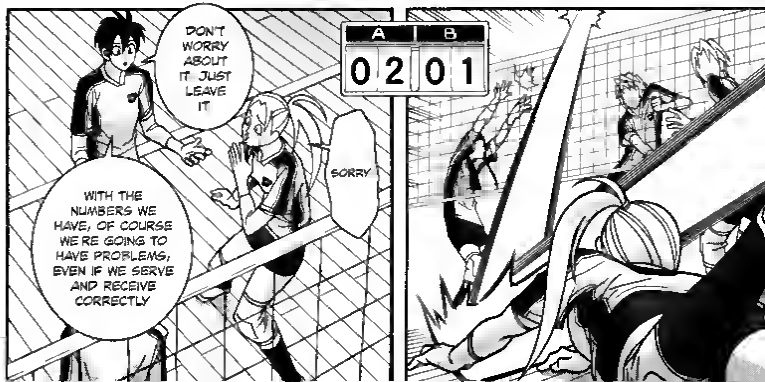
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DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST LEAVE IT
SORRY
WITH THE NUMBERS WE HAVE, OF COURSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PROBLEMS, EVEN IF WE SERVE AND RECEIVE CORRECTLY

IF I DIVE,
I CAN REACH IT!
(BAM)
IF THE BALL ISN'T PASSED TO OHASIRI FROM NERI OOISHI, SHE SCREWS UP.
ALL RIGHT!
NO, IT'S GOOD. DO IT JUST LIKE THAT
I'M SORRY.
SORRY, MANABU!
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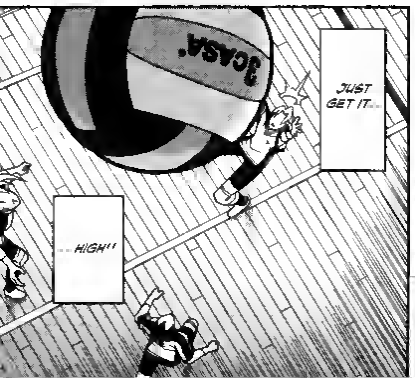
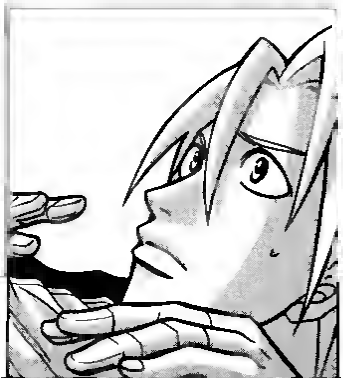
I SHOULD AIM FOR HAYASAKA JUST A BIT MORE SINCE HER RETURN RATE IS LOW.
HERE'S OUR SHOT!
WAH!
IT'S FALLING!
OH!
CAN SHE GET IT?!

3CASA
"MANABE."
"WHEN I RECEIVE HASEGAWA'S SPEED ATTACKS."
"I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE YOU RUN SOME."
"WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE CLOSE TO THE NET OR IF YOU DO IT AT RANDOM."
"... JUST SEE THE BALL UP HIGH."


3CASA
JUST GET IT...
...HIGH!!



HERE IT COMES!
I WONDER WHERE IT WILL GO UP TO
WHA-
A BACK-ROW ATTACK?!

IDIOT.
AH....
OUT
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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO A BACK ROW ATTACK ON A COURT HALF THE SIZE OF A NORMAL ONE
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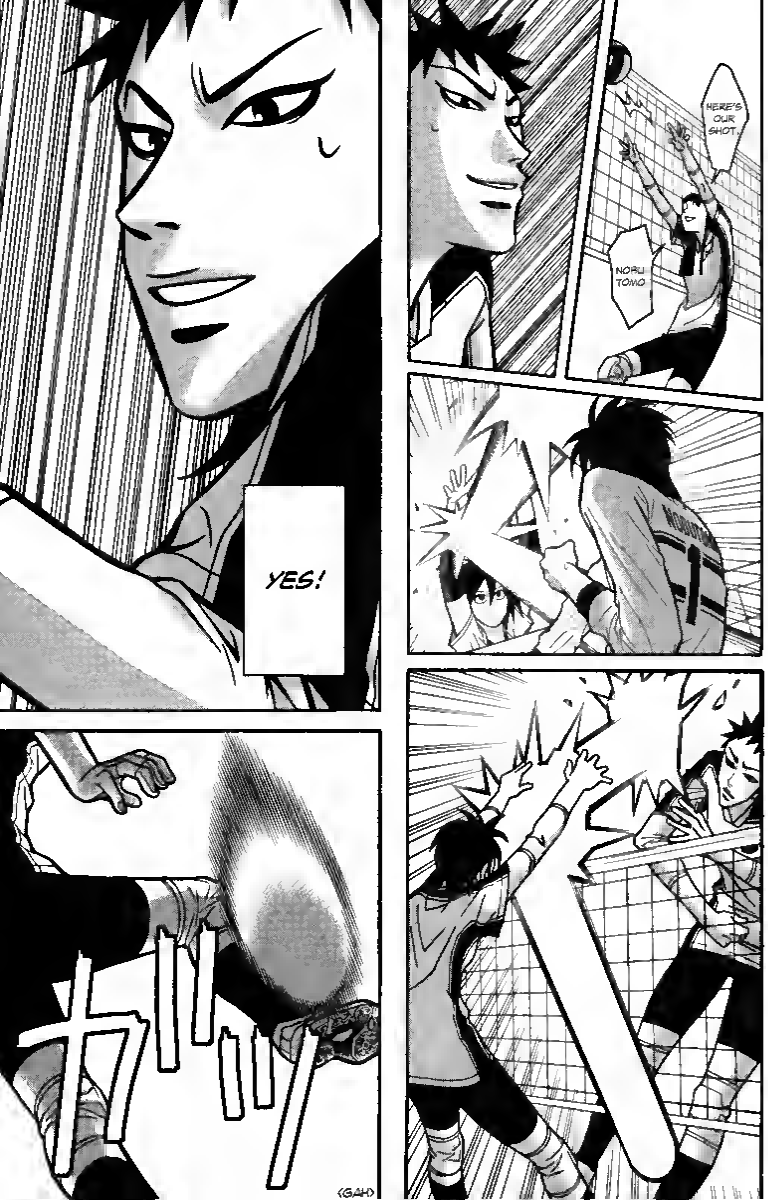
6
HM.
YES THE SET WAS REALLY SHAKY,
BUT IF IT WERE IN A NORMAL GAME, IT WOULD'VE BEEN IN
BUT USUALLY YOU CAN'T PULL THAT OFF WITH SUCH HIGH TOSSES
THAT COULD BE USEFUL
RIGHT?
SUCH SPIRIT, FORCEFULLY STRUGGLING WITH SUCH A TWO-PART TOSS-UP!
NICE ONE, NERI OOISHI!
She's doing a back attack from that kind of a...
IS IT ALL RIGHT EVEN IF IT'S OUT?

NERI, SORRY
I SENT THE BALL IN A COMPLETELY OFF DIRECTION...
NO.
WITH A HEIGHT LIKE THAT,
I CAN MAKE IT IN TIME TO HIT IT THANKS.

IT'S TOO HIGH!
AH! OH, NO!

WAH!


HERE'S OUR SHOT.
NORU TOMO
YES!
(GAH)

AWE-SOME!
NICE ONE, NERI!
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AREN'T YOU PERSISTENT!
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I CAN'T DO IT ALONE! I CAN'T REACH ALL OF THEM!
SORRY
HOW COULD YOU NOT FOLLOW A SPIKE FROM SUCH A SLOPPY SET?!
IF WE DO IT, WE CAN WIN INSTANTLY
THE COACH SAID THAT FRONT AND BACK ROWS DON'T MATTER IN THIS GAME!
LET'S DO IT
HERE I COME
NAO!
I WANTED TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THE SECOND SET, BUT...
...THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.

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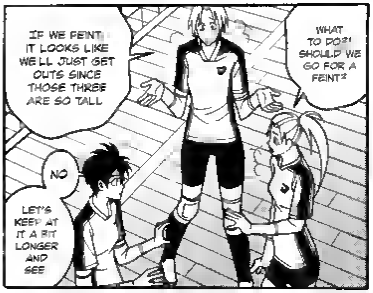
THEY'RE ABANDONING THE BACK ROW?
A TRIPLE BLOCK?!

WITH THE RULES OF A GAME WHERE ATTACKS ARE EVERYTHING, I THINK TEAM A IS GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON BLOCKS FOR THE SECOND HALF
YOU WANT TO PRACTICE AGAINST BLOCKS?
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE
AH, THEY SURE DID IT THIS TIME
IT'S BECAUSE TEAM A HAS A HEIGHT ADVANTAGE
NOPE, TEAM A IS IN TROUBLE
?

...AND SOMEHOW GO FOR A BLOCK-OUT.
THEN THEY'LL CONCENTRATE THE SHOTS ON ME.
WHY DON'T I GO FOR REAL?
OH? NOT BAD!
NOT REALLY.
YOU'RE JUST RAISING YOUR HANDS AGAINST ME.
OH, REALLY. WELL, THEN.

HA! HA!
YOU KNEW I WAS HOLDING BACK!
WHAT AN INTERESTING KID!

WELL, THAT WAY, THE TALLER TEAM A IS, THE MORE ADVANTAGE THEY'LL HAVE.
WOW — TEAM A'S ACTUALLY ABANDONED THEIR REAR DEFENSE FOR A THREE-PERSON BLOCK ASSIST!


IF WE FEINT, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL JUST GET OUTS SINCE THOSE THREE ARE SO TALL.
WHAT TO DO? SHOULD WE GO FOR A FEINT?
NO.
LET'S KEEP AT IT A BIT LONGER AND SEE.

THEN,
IN SET 2, CONCENTRATE THE BALLS ON ME.

THE COURT'S SMALLER BECAUSE OF THE RULES; SO IT'S EASIER TO EXECUTE A BLOCK.
YES! THAT WENT GREAT!

Fight.13 dog-eat-dog

OUT!
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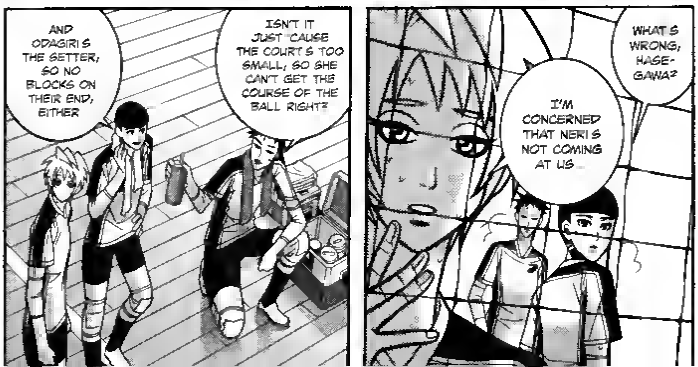
(FWHEEE)

THE SECOND HALF WAS EASIER THAN WE THOUGHT
OH, YEAH! SET 1 IS OURS!


AND ODAGIRI'S THE SETTER, SO NO BLOCKS ON THEIR END, EITHER
ISN'T IT JUST 'CAUSE THE COURT'S TOO SMALL, SO SHE CAN'T GET THE COURSE OF THE BALL RIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG, HASEGAWA?
I'M CONCERNED THAT NERI'S NOT COMING AT US

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SET 2
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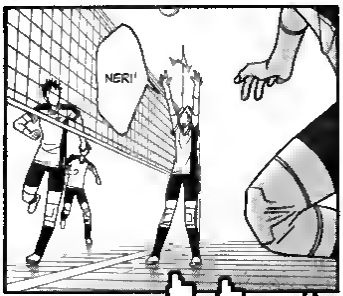
SO IT REALLY IS OOISHI WHO'S COMING
HUMPH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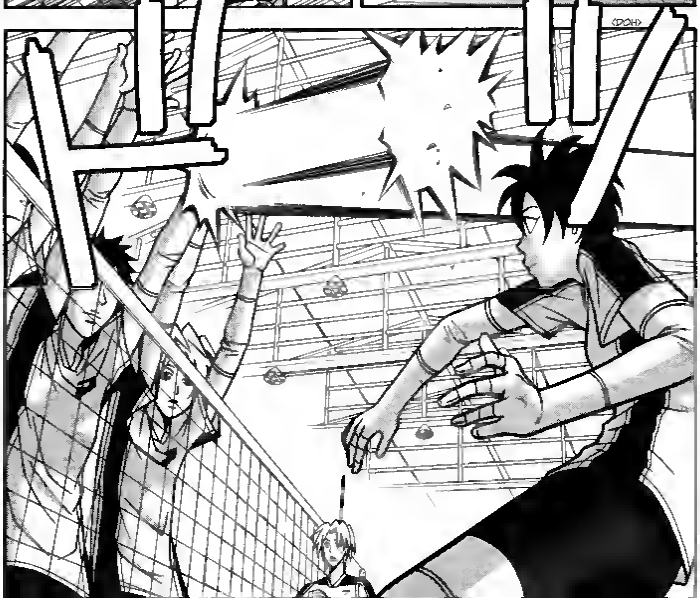
<DOH>

AH, THAT WAS CLOSE
THE NEXT ONE'LL BE IT
You've always been on the bench in your middle-school years, so your spike's definitely gotten worse!
We can do this!
(DOH)
(HUMPH)
ONE MORE! ONE MORE TIME!
THE TIMING'S RIGHT... WEIRD...
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(BOH)

EH?
I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY TRY TO BLOCK HER ON MY OWN
HEY, JUST FOR A BIT, LET ME JUMP ALONE, OK?
AMAZING, THAT NERI GOISHI...
SHE'S QUITE SOMETHING
NO, HASEGAWA'S BLOCKS ARE MORE ACCURATE.
GO AHEAD AND TRY IT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN I'LL-
(PUSH)
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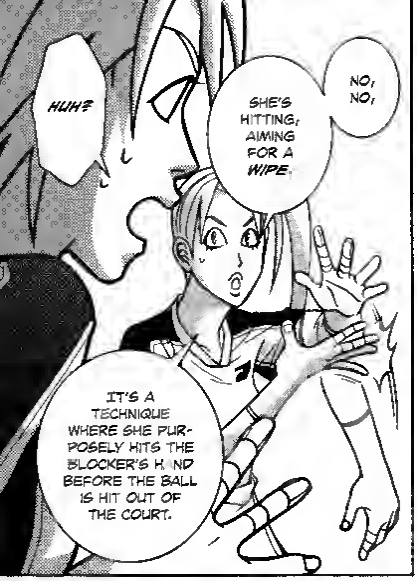
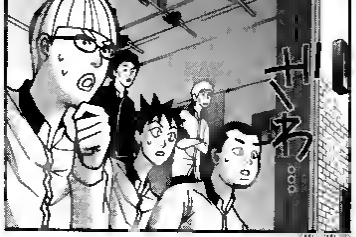
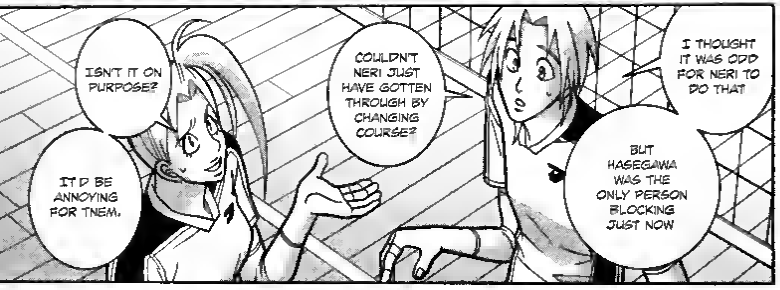

HUH?
NO, NO,
SHE'S HITTING, AIMING FOR A WIPE.
IT'S A TECHNIQUE WHERE SHE PURPOSELY HITS THE BLOCKER'S HAND BEFORE THE BALL IS HIT OUT OF THE COURT.


YAWA

(M. SMILE)
ISN'T SHE JUST GETTING LUCKY THAT THEY TURNED INTO OUTS?
HUH?
AREN'T HER ATTACKS BEING STOPPED?
HOLY CRAP, NERI'S DANGEROUS, SERIOUSLY.
WAY TOO GOOD.


I THOUGHT IT WAS ODD FOR NERI TO DO THAT
BUT HASEGAWA WAS THE ONLY PERSON BLOCKING JUST NOW
COULDN'T NERI JUST HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH BY CHANGING COURSE?
ISN'T IT ON PURPOSE?
IT'D BE ANNOYING FOR THEM.

(CWHEE)
THEN, I'LL ALSO~
FORGET IT!

(ANNOYED)
LET ME DO IT NEXT!
SHE REALLY IS GOING FOR A WIPE.

Next time for sure!
ONE MORE TIME!
NORITOMO THAT'S ENOUGH!
WE'RE JUST DOING WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO NOW.
HUFF
HUFF
A B
0 5 1 1
LET'S GO FOR A TWO PERSON, ATSUKO?
WAIT... HASEGAWA, YOU, TOO!
JUST GIVE UP ON THE BLOCKS!

"...GIVE UP?"
DID I HEAR THE WORDS ...
WHAT?
(TWITCH TWITCH)
EH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
N-
NO, I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
IT'S KINDA
THIS SET
(FWHEE)

HEE HEE, DIDN'T I SAY SO? BLOCKING IS DANGEROUS ♡
ISN'T IT TURNING INTO BLOCKING PRACTICE ...?
MM, THIS GAME IS GETTING MORE AND MORE UNCERTAIN
GOOD, VERY GOOD
FU HEE
A B
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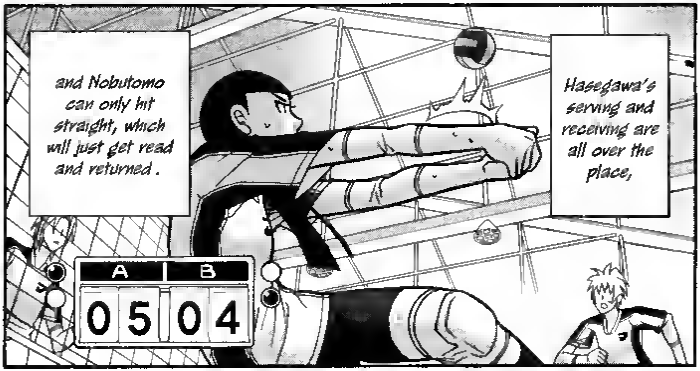
HOW SHOULD WE DO SET 3?
"HOW" ...?
THE ONLY WAY TO GO IS A FRONTAL ASSAULT...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM NOW?
FEELS LIKE WE'RE WINNING SINCE THEY'RE RESPONDING TO THE THREAT.
THIS IS ... TURNING OUT TO BE AN EXTREME SET, ISN'T IT?

SET 3
(FWHEE)
This is bad.
Those two are so exhausted they're heaving deep breaths from the blocks


and Nobutomo can only hit straight, which will just get read and returned.
Hasegawa's serving and receiving are all over the place,
A B
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(FWHEE)
GAH, SORRY!
IT'S OK.
WAH, SORRY!
DOUBLE!
At this rate, it's almost like we're competing to see who can make them score the least— us or Odagiri's mistakes
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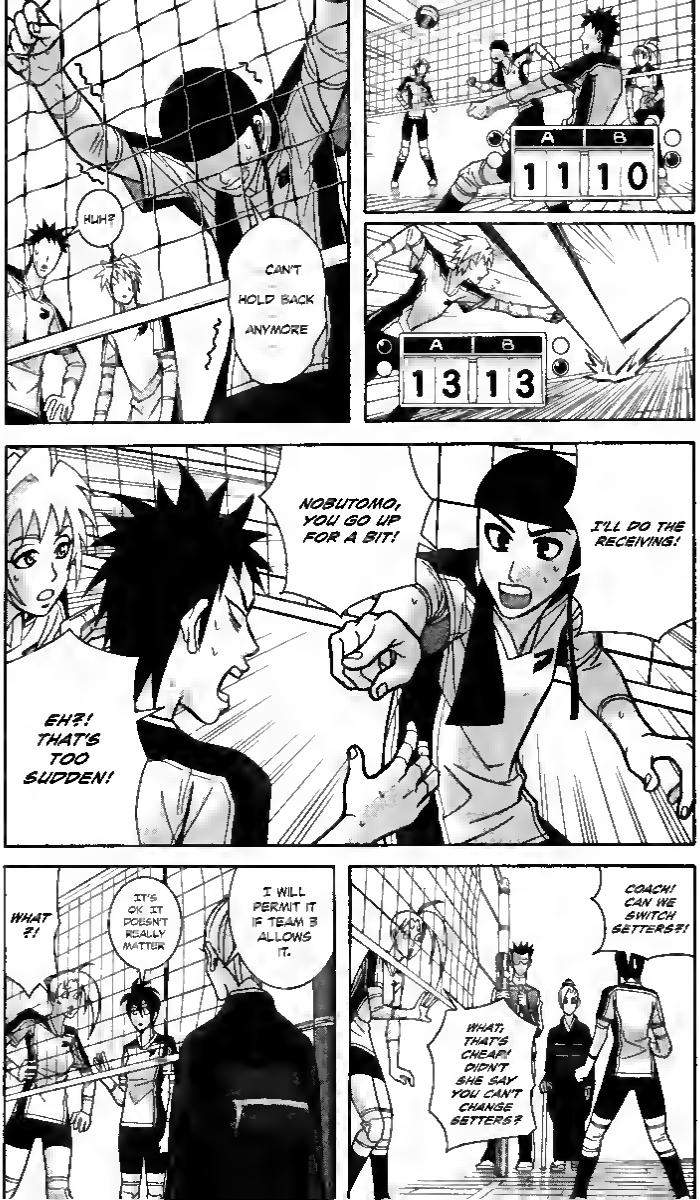
HUH?
CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE
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NOBUTOMO, YOU GO UP FOR A BIT!
I'LL DO THE RECEIVING!
EH?! THAT'S TOO SUDDEN!
WHAT?!
IT'S OK. IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
I WILL PERMIT IT IF TEAM B ALLOWS IT.
COACH! CAN WE SWITCH SETTERS?!
WHAT, THAT'S CHEAP! DIDN'T SHE SAY YOU CAN'T CHANGE SETTERS?

HASEGAWA, CONCENTRATE ON BLOCKING
THAT'S FINE. JUST DO WHAT-EVER
I'M BAD AT OVERHAND!
MY USUAL PASSES DON'T GO UP HIGH, SO I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT A CRAPPY OVERHAND PASS.
A
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OH,
IT'S GOOD!
MOLTEN
MOLTEN

WHAT TO DO? IT'S MATCH POINT!
I'M GOING TO BE TARGETED AGAIN!
NO.
ANYONE CAN DO THAT.
SHINO, NICE!
HEH
WHAT THE HECK? ITAMI SHOULD'VE BEEN SPIKING FROM THE START.

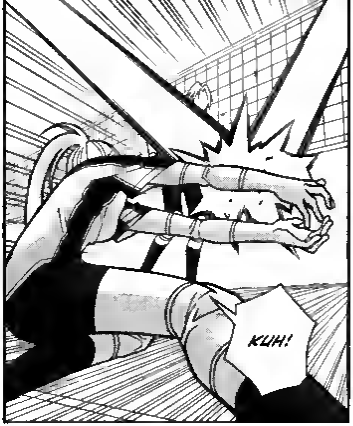
(SHINE)
I DON'T THINK THAT'LL BE THE C E.
HERE SHE COMES.

TOH!
AH!
HERE'S A CHANCE!
Here I come,
Nori Ooishi!

WHOA,
SHE GOT IT!

BUT IT'S HIGH...

SORRY, MANABU!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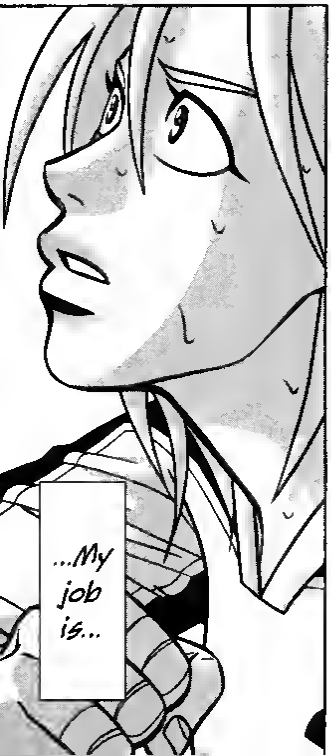
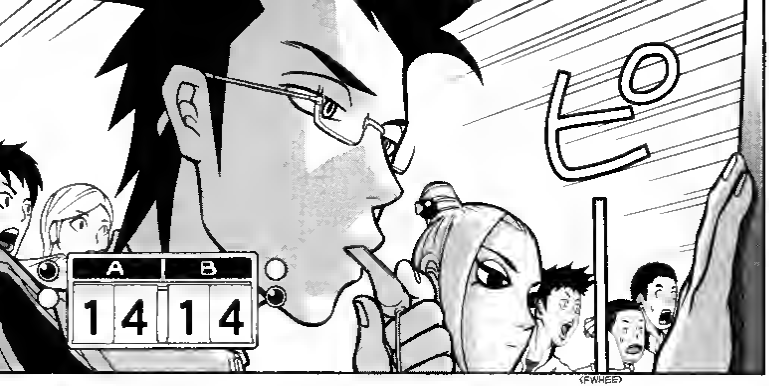

...My job is...

"We'll get through it somehow."

"Manabu, you just have to hit the ball up."

...not so much on getting the ball up high properly.
It's just, somehow, one way or another,
to just get it up!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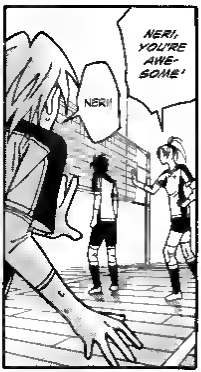
(FWHEE)

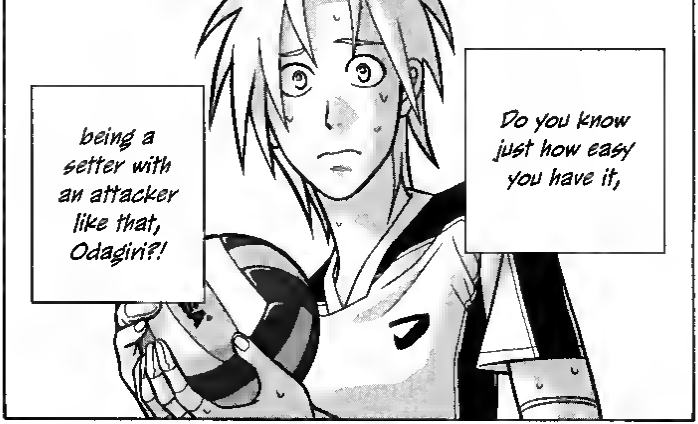
HUH?
BRING ALL THE BALLS TO ME.

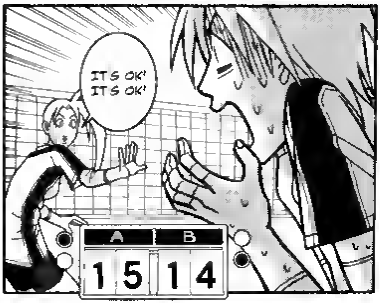
BRING IT ON
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HITTING THAT BALL...!


NERI!
NERI, YOU'RE AWESOME!

I'LL DEFINITELY BRING AN END TO THIS.

NO.
JUST THAT NERI...
NAO, WHAT'S WRONG?
...
O-
OK!
YES, THOUGH I ONLY KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT IT...
SO I WAS REALLY SCARED OF NERI AT FIRST.
YOU KNOW HOW SHE USED TO HAVE THE NICKNAME "MAD DOG?"
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT.
UNTIL NOW.
BUT WHEN WE HUNG OUT, SHE WAS SO NORMAL THAT IT WAS ALMOST A LETDOWN.
I can't believe it.
She went through with that screwed-up shot...?
WE'LL JUST BET FORWARD WITH THIS ONE SHOT!
CONCENTRATE!
YEAH!


Do you know just how easy you have it,
being a setter with an attacker like that, Odagiri?!


IT'S OK! IT'S OK!
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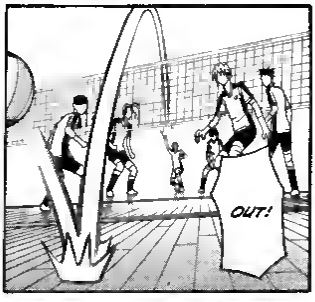
OUT!

YES! LUCKY SHOT!
JUST ONE MORE POINT!
OOISHI'LL DEFINITELY BE COMING NEXT.
EVERYONE, GET IN THE DEFENSIVE POSITION!

ALL RIGHT
EH?
MANABU, GET IT UP!
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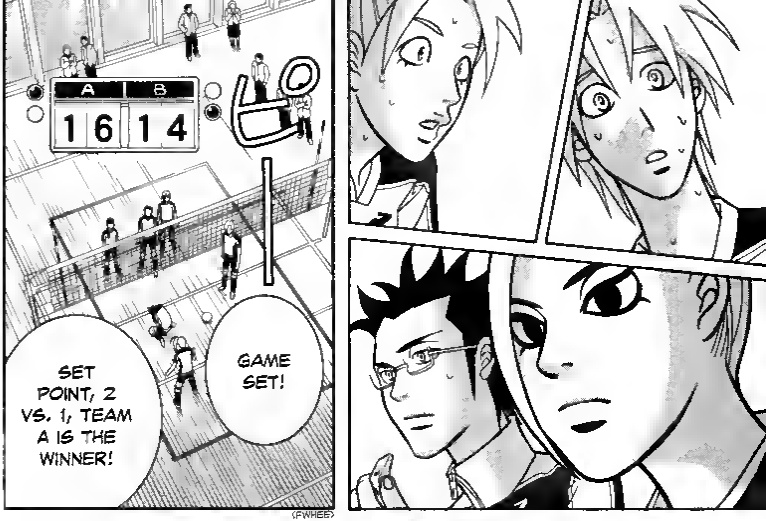
YTHUNK!

HERE SHE COMES!
YEAH!
"Everyone was probably..."
"...tired of playing volleyball with you, Neri."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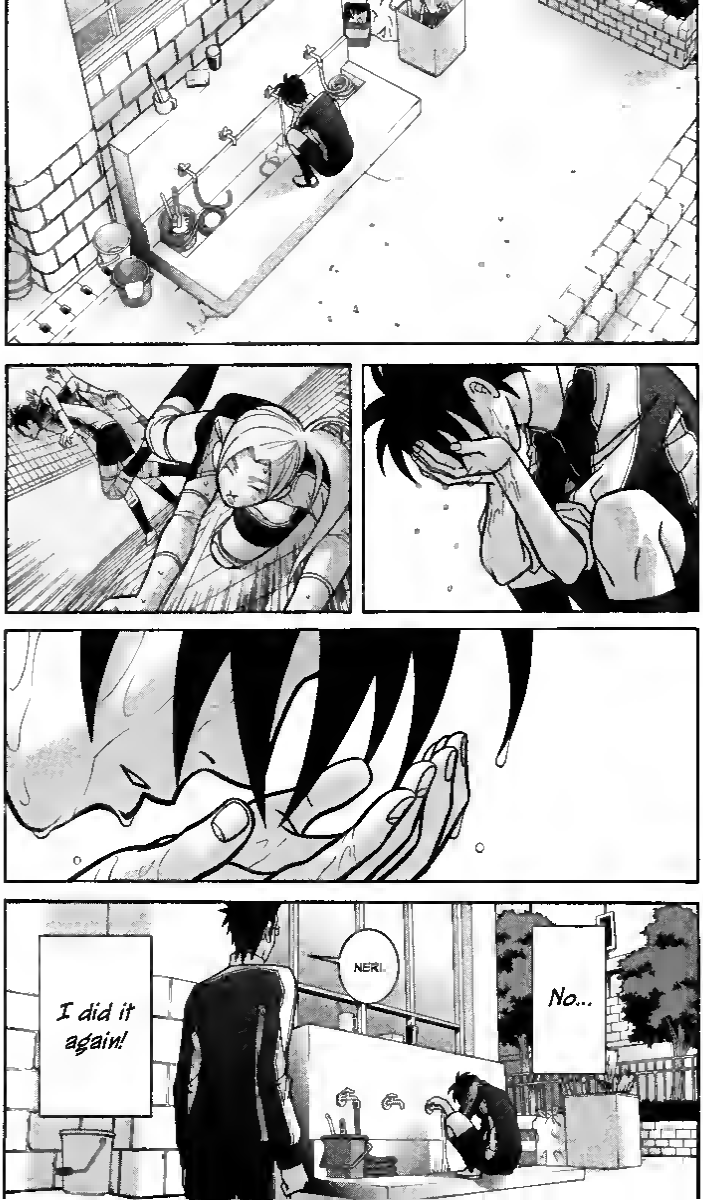
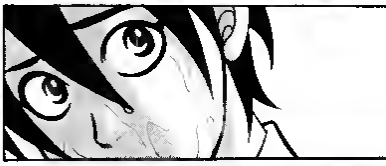
SET POINT, 2 VS. 1, TEAM A IS THE WINNER!
GAME SET!
(FWHEE)

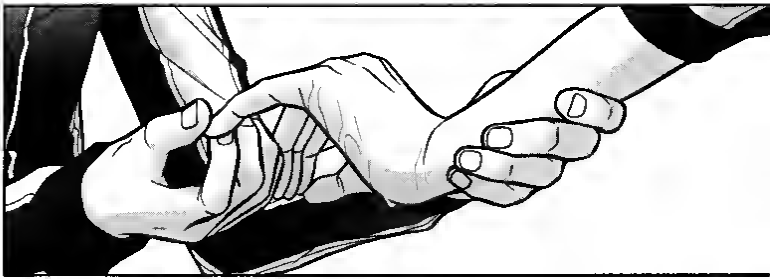
WE WON ...?
W-
...
SORRY..


I did it again!
NERI.
No...

I DON'T THINK YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING JUST BY YOURSELF THIS TIME
I'M DOING MY REVIEW RIGHT NOW.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO EVERYONE?
THEY'RE MEETING TO REVIEW IN THE CLUB ROOM.



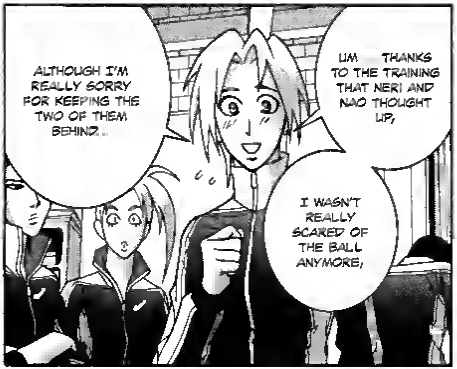


BUT IF YOU PRESS THERE AFTER YOU'VE GONE AND BLOWN YOUR FUSE, YOU'LL BECOME A LOT CALMER.
IT MAY TAKE A WHILE UNTIL YOUR BODY REMEMBERS,
MAKE IT A HABIT TO THINK ABOUT THAT WHILE PUTTING PRESSURE HERE.

WHEN ARE YOU CALM?
?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

...YEAH, KIND OF LIKE THAT.
KINDA LIKE PAVLOV'S DOG?
HAVING A SWITCH IS IMPORTANT.
(GIRLS VOLLEYBALL)

THE WINNERS DON'T BECOME REGULARS?!
WHAT?!


ALTHOUGH I'M REALLY SORRY FOR KEEPING THE TWO OF THEM BEHIND...
UM... THANKS TO THE TRAINING THAT NERI AND NAO THOUGHT UP,
I WASN'T REALLY SCARED OF THE BALL ANYMORE.

THE COACH WOULDN'T DECIDE THINGS LIKE THAT!
YES. NOW, ODAGIRI'S THOUGHTS NEXT.

(AH HA HA HA HA HA)
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AND ALSO, NERI...

ACTUALLY, I'M REALLY GLAD I WAS ON MANABU'S TEAM.
SHINO'S TEAM WAS SO HARSH WITH THEIR TRAINING THAT I DEFINITELY WOULD'VE RUN AWAY!
WHAT'D YOU SAY...?
YEAH, THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

...ALWAYS HIT THE BALL NO MATTER HOW HORRIBLE IT WAS.
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I COULD KEEP ON PLAYING.
WHEN THE BALL YOU'VE SET IS HIT, YOU FEEL SO HAPPY..
A SETTER IS REALLY A POSITION WORTH HAVING, ISN'T IT?
<BA-BUMP>
NEXT IS OOISHI WHO'S OUTSIDE THE DOOR!
<CLATTER>
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ALLOWED TO DO IT ANYMORE, BUT IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

NERI!
OH, YOU'RE HERE, NERI COME ON IN!
WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS?

I..
...WANT TO GET RID OF MY STYLE OF PLAYING.

HM...
I THINK WE'LL GO...
WITH THIS FOR THE NEXT GAME.
FIRST YEAR GAME 1 POSITION APTITUDES
MIDDLE HITTER
HASEGAWA, HAYASAKA
OUTSIDE HITTER
OOUCHI, NOBUTOMO
OPPOSITE HITTER
ITAMI
SETTER
ODAGIRI

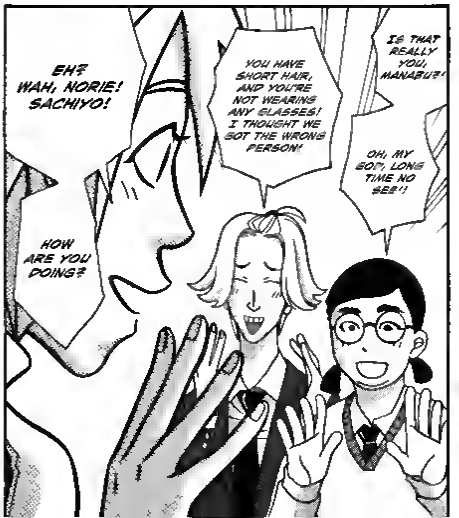
Fight.14 dog-ear
Good morning. I am Manabu Odagiri.
AH, I'M GONNA BE LATE!
MANABU,
HOW ARE YOUR CONTACTS?
<CLATTER CLATTER>
My father is a practicing ophthalmologist at a general hospital.
OH, THEY'RE GOOD.
He's really busy, so we don't see each other much.
YOU HAVE TO COME IN TWICE A YEAR FOR AN EXAM
MANABU, YOUR LUNCH.
SHE'S ALL OF A SUDDEN INTO VOLLEYBALL. SHE WON'T BE IGNORING HER STUDIES, WILL SHE?
but I feel he understands me much better.
GIRL HAS THINGS UNDER CONTROL.
JUST LET MANABU DO AS SHE PLEASES.
...than my worried mother who's always at home.

GIRL FIGHT

THAT READING-AND-WALKING YOU'RE DOING IS SERIOUSLY DANGEROUS; SO STOP IT!
MORN-ING!
OH, NERI, SHIKIJIMA! GOOD MORNING!

My little brother, Akira, doesn't go to school
AKIRA
I'M GOING
I'LL BUY FIGHT TODAY!
OK, HAVE A NICE DAY!

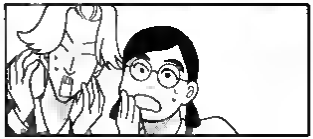
Shounen Fight is the only thing Akira looks forward to, so I buy it first thing in the morning on the day it comes out.
ODAGIRI!!


EH? WAH, NORIE! SACHIYO!
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
YOU HAVE SHORT HAIR, AND YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANY GLASSES! I THOUGHT WE GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
IS THAT REALLY YOU, MANABU?
OH, MY GOD! LONG TIME NO SEE!!

AH, ME, TOO!
MANABU, SHOW ME FIGHT AFTERWARD AGAIN, OK?
OK!
OH!

WAS THAT JUST NOW OOISHI AND SHIKIJIMA?
HMM, YOU'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL?
YES, I'M WITH NERI ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM.
SO, OOISHI RETURNED FROM HAKUNZAN IN CHIBA.

WE'LL BE GOING ON AHEAD.
TAKE YOUR TIME.



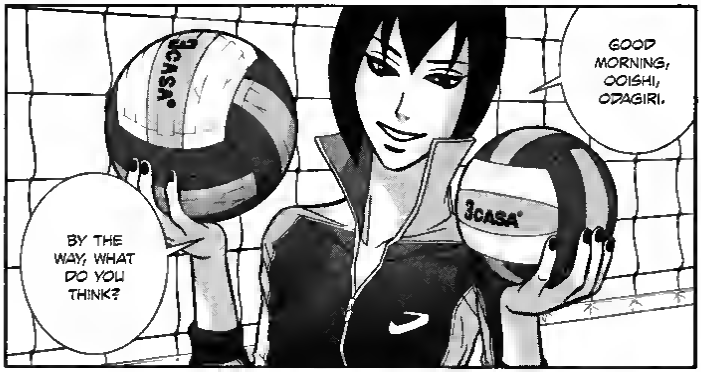
WHAT?! MANABU'S ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM?!
WHY?! NO WAY. DID OOISHI PUSH YOU INTO IT?
NO, NO! I WANTED TO DO IT.

AUGH, OOISHI'S PROBABLY WORKING YOU REALLY HARD.
AT FIRST, I DID WANT TO DRAW A MANGA,
BUT SOMEHOW, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ANYMORE...

AH, OH, NO! I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR MORNING PRACTICE
NAH, NOT AT ALL.
NERI IS REALLY KIND.

(SQUEAL)
I SEE. SO YOU ENTERED THE VOLLEY-BALL TEAM TO LOOK FOR REFERENCE MATERIAL?
OH, I GET IT! YOU WANT TO DRAW AN EDOBALL STORY!
NO-NO-NO, THERE'S NO WAY ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I COULD DRAW EDOBALL!
Note: Edoball is an abbreviation for the volleyball manga serialized in Shounen Fight called Edogawa Volleyball Club

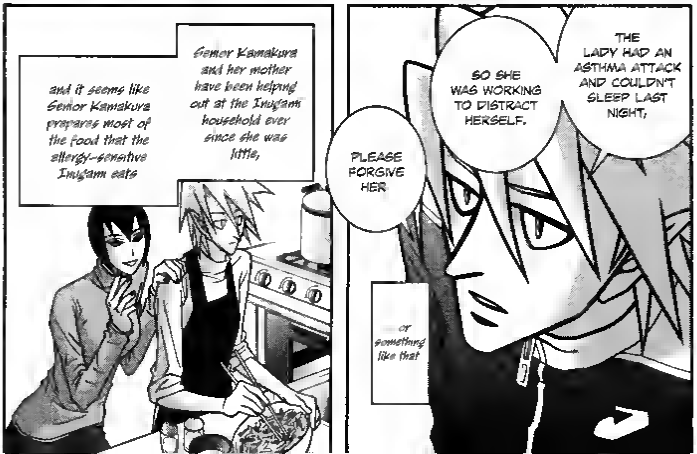
SEE YOU LATER!
OH... YEAH BYE!
...MANABU'S CHANGED A LOT, HASN'T SHE?
YEAH.


GOOD MORNING, OOISHI, ODAGIRI.
BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
3CASA
3CASA

YUP! LOOKING AT IT FROM APAR 16 RIGHT
I THINK MY FEEL FOR DISTANCE HAS GONE STRANGE
Have my instincts slipped already?

GET THAT COLORED TAPE OFF THIS THING BEFORE THE BASKETBALL TEAM NOTICES! QUICK!
YOU'RE SO MEAN, YUKA. I SPENT ALL NIGHT MAKING THAT
WAAARGH! SARA! OOISHI! DON'T PRACTICE WITH THAT!
YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH A BASKETBALL!!
NOW THEN FOR THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO PRACTICE WITH THIS~
(COUGH COUGH)

But Senor Kamakura would always say
Eek! What the heck?!
But I made so many!
The Captain, Senor Inugami, is always getting Senor Hachiya angry like this


and it seems like Senor Kamakura prepares most of the food that the allergy-sensitive Inugami eats
Senor Kamakura and her mother have been helping out at the Inugami household ever since she was little,
PLEASE FORGIVE HER
SO SHE WAS WORKING TO DISTRACT HERSELF,
THE LADY HAD AN ASTHMA ATTACK AND COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT,
...or something like that

Nobutomo and Nao are childhood friends, so they always come to school together.
WHAT?!
BY THE WAY, STARTING THIS WEEKEND, I'LL BE LIVING IN THE DORMS
NO! IF YOU LIVE IN THE DORMS, THEN WE CAN'T GET TOGETHER TO PLAY ANYMORE!
NO WAY!
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'RE HERE?!
BE A LITTLE MORE INDEPENDENT!!
Itami's and Hasegawa's homes are far away, so they live in the dorms.
Recently, the two of them have been pushing each other when they come to morning practice in the early morning
GOOD MORNING ♡
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
MORNING
OH, GOOD MORNING!
SHINO, WAIT UP!
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE INSTANTANEOUS POWER, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY STAMINA, DO YOU?
WHY YOU... DON'T TAKE SO LONG TO PUT YOUR HAIR UP!
I WON'T BE WAITING FOR YOU NEXT TIME! I'M SERIOUS
EH? NO WAY IT'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT ATSUKO AROUND

I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE I WANTED TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL WITH HER!
ATSUKO
EVER SINCE THAT PRACTICE GAME WITH TEAM A, SHE'S GOTTEN HARSHER
I DON'T THINK SHE CARES ABOUT ME ANYMORE.
OH, NO...
N-NAO, LOOK HERE!
THESE ARE ACTUALLY BASKET-BALLS
CAPTAIN PLAYED A PRANK AGAIN.
I THINK EVERYONE BUT ME IS.
YEAH...?
?
AREN'T YOU ALSO HERE FROM A SPECIAL RECOMMEN-DATION?
I'VE HEARD THAT MANY PEOPLE QUIT EVERY YEAR...
ISN'T SHE HARSH JUST BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO PLAY WITH YOU?
BUT IN RETURN, IF WE DON'T SHOW A LOT OF GOOD RESULTS, IT'LL BE HARD TO STAY IN THIS SCHOOL, I THINK.
PEOPLE LIKE US ARE EXEMPT FROM THE TUITION FEE

Nen resigned from the team at Haku'unzan Middle, a school famous for its volleyball, and came here,
so there was some weight to those words.
WITH THE INTER-HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY GAMES UP AHEAD,
PRACTICE WITH THE POSITIONS I WILL ANNOUNCE NOW, STARTING TODAY.
GATHER AROUND!
HACHIYA, ODISHI, NOBUTOMO.
OUTSIDE HITTERS
KAMAKURA, HASEGAWA, HAYASAKA.
MIDDLE HITTERS
EH?
OPPOSITE HITTER ITAMI.
SETTERS ODAGIRI, INUGAMI

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A TEAM THAT LETS A BEGINNER PLAY AS SETTER!
REALLY?
THEN WE'LL DO IT HERE.
THAT IS ALL
COACH!
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS.
HACHIYA AND HAYAGAKA SHOULD PRACTICE FOR THE POSITION OF OPPOSITE HITTER AS WELL
<GRRRR>
I-I'm the setter, and Itami's opposite?!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
<GRIN>
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And I've heard that Senior Inugami doesn't really appear in games...
W-w-what to do...?!
<SH-SH>
ITAMI!
AH!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, ODAGIRI!!

IT'S PROBABLY FOR HER SINCE SHE CAN'T READ THE COACH'S INTENTIONS
IF WE GET TOO USED TO A GOOD SETTER, THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN THE SECOND ROUND!
BESIDES, SHE'S SHOWN TO HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE PERSONALITY
WE CAN'T LEAVE THINGS IN ITAMI'S HANDS YET.
ITAMI,
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR CLASS
OH, JUST SHUT UP!!
JUST LEAVE HER
NERI
NERI! OOISHI
IF YOU AND HAYASAKA HAD PUT IN YOUR ALL FROM THE START, YOU WOULD HAVE EASILY WON AGAINST MY TEAM
AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU GUARDED OVER THE AMATEUR AND MANAGED TO MAKE THE COACH LIKE HER?

I THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE THE COACH IS SHORT BUT WAS ALSO A SETTER,
SHE WOULD UNDERSTAND ME DESPITE MY HEIGHT...
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT

ITAMI, I DON'T THINK...
OPPOSITE HITTERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT POSITION, SO THEY NEED TO BE STRONG AND WELL-ROUNDED
I THINK THE COACH IS ACTUALLY EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU...?
I DON'T WANT YOUR PATHETIC ATTEMPTS TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER!

ISN'T IT THE OTHER WAY?

NO... SHE'S NOT TRYING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, ITAMI.
THE COACH ALSO TOLD SENIOR HACHIYA AND NAO TO PRACTICE FOR THE OPPOSITE HITTER POSITION,
SO THE POSITIONS ARE PROBABLY FLEXIBLE
THE AMATEUR SHOULD JUST BE QUIET!

BECAUSE SHE'S SHORT,
SHE KNOWS THE RISKS INVOLVED THROUGH AND THROUGH.
LET'S GO.

I wonder what the coach was thinking when she put me as setter...
but her skills are comparable to Nori's.
Itami is on the short side,
...
My chest hurts when I think about it
and I think Nori and Nao would have won the game
MANABU
Itami wouldn't be hurt,
If I weren't here,
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ON THE SAME TEAM AS ME, MANABU.
IF I'M LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES, I'LL GO ALL OUT,
SO IF I HAVE A LIMIT TO HOLD ME BACK, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR ME TO CHANGE.
YOU KNOW,
YES?
SO ... UM...
HUH?

IN THE END, I KIND OF WENT BERSERK AND COST US THE GAME, THOUGH...
OH, NO!
I LIKE YOU, NERI!
Neri

WHAT'S WRONG?
EVER SINCE THE GAME, THE AREA AROUND MY KNEE'S BEEN HURTING...
IT'S NOTHING BIG, THOUGH.
but I feel like she held back, trying to face this issue...
...used to be a player called the "Mad Dog."
I want to see... Neri go all out...
OW-OW...
HUH?

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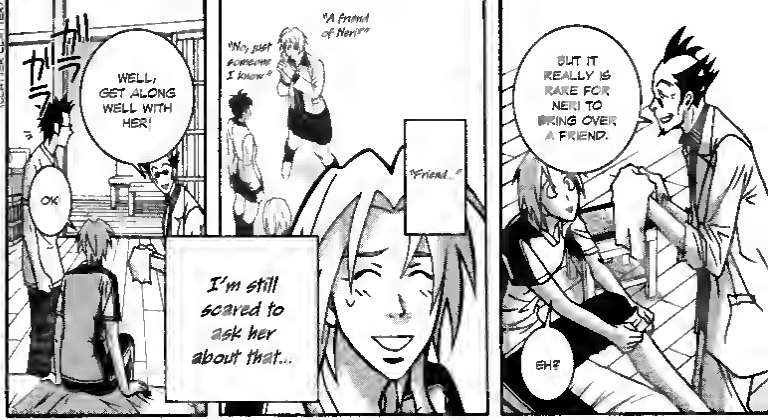
WHEN YOU PLAY SPORTS WHILE YOU'RE IN YOUR GROWING PERIOD, YOU'LL FEEL PAIN IN YOUR MUSCLES WHERE THEY JOIN THE TIBIA, WHEN YOU EXTEND YOUR KNEE.
ANOTHER NAME FOR IT WOULD BE "OSGOOD-SCHLATTER DISEASE."
GROWING PAINS?
OH,
THESE ARE GROWING PAINS.

WAH, I DON'T WANNA GROW ANYMORE!
I HAVE TO CLEAN THE BATHS; SO I'LL BE SLIPPING OUT FOR A BIT!
WOW, YOU'RE STILL GROWING!
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL BE OVER 5'10"!

YOU WON'T NEED SURGERY SO DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT.
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL SO JUST FLEX IT OUT A FEW TIMES AND YOU'LL BE FINE!
EH?!

OK!
AH, CRAP!
BEFORE AND AFTER YOU EXERCISE, STRETCH YOUR QUADRICEPS MUSCLES OUT.
SHIGERU, TEACH HER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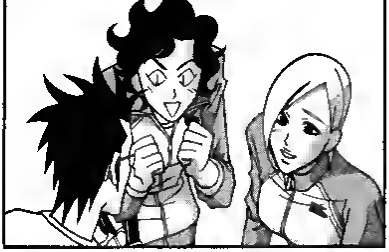
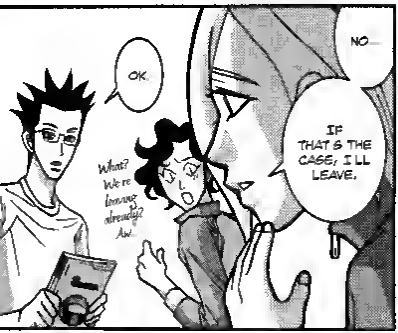
WELL, GET ALONG WELL WITH HER!
OK
"No, just someone I know."
"A friend of Neri?"
"Friend..."
I'm still scared to ask her about that...
BUT IT REALLY IS RARE FOR NERI TO BRING OVER A FRIEND.
EH?

OH, THERE HE IS! SENIOR SHIKIJIMA! THANK GOD. ♡
EXCUSE ME...
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO LATE IN PAYING YOU BACK FOR THE TAXI RIDE FROM LAST TIME...
IT'S Kyogoku from Haku'unzan!
IT WAS QUITE ALL RIGHT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...
SO I FOLLOWED HER HERE AFTER WE FINALLY GOT A BREAK
I HEARD THAT KOYUKI'S BEEN IN YOUR CARE SINCE LAST YEAR,
And who's that, I wonder?

REALLY? THANK YOU
I'VE DOG-EARED THE PAGE I'M ON!
THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE VOLLEYBALL HEAVEN FOR THIS TIME IS A HAKU'UNZAN SPECIAL, SO PLEASE TAKE IT.♡

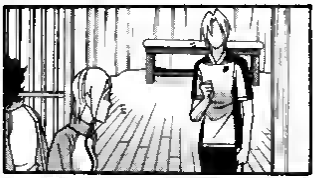


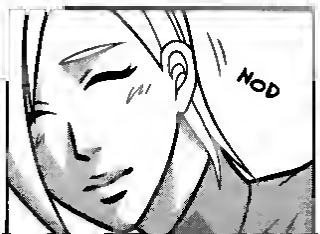
SENIOR SHIKIJIMA'S SO POPULAR
YEAH WELL
OH, THAT'S RIGHT


NO...
OK.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL LEAVE.
What? We're leaving already? Aw.

U-UM, WHERE'S NERI...?
OH, SHE WAS JUST HERE A WHILE AGO, BUT SHE WENT BACK TO HELP AT HER HOUSE
WHY DON'T YOU GO MEET HER?

Senior Shikijima's so lucky...!
S-SHE'S SO CUTE, THAT KYOGOKU!
BUT BIG BRO DOESN'T LOOK AT GIRLS' FACES AT ALL...
HE HAS BAD EYESIGHT, SO HE DIFFERENTIATES BY VOICE
THEN LET'S GO ON HOME CHIYO.
I can't be out with a kid like this...

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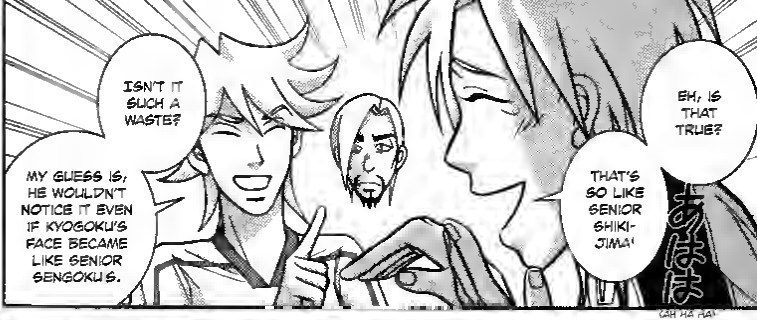
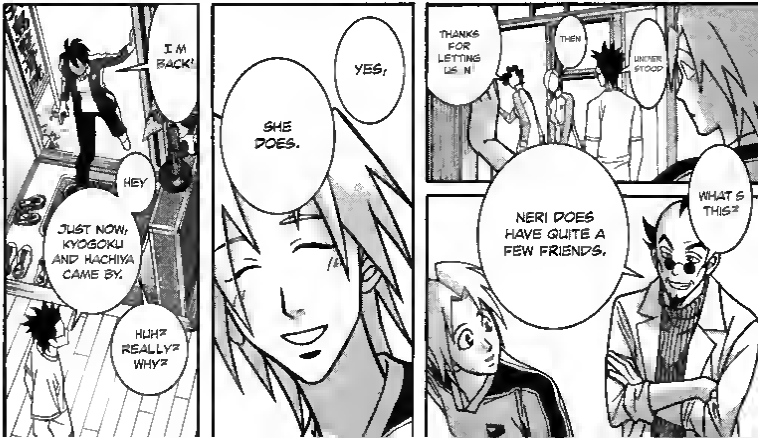

EH, IS THAT TRUE?
THAT'S SO LIKE SENIOR SHIKIJIMA!
ISN'T IT SUCH A WASTE?
MY GUESS IS, HE WOULDN'T NOTICE IT EVEN IF KYOGOKU'S FACE BECAME LIKE SENIOR SENGOKU'S.
AHAHA

OH, SENIOR SHIKIJIMA.
TELL NERI...
...I TOLD HER TO BE SERIOUS AND TO GET A STARTING POSITION.


I'M BACK!
HEY
JUST NOW, KYOGOKU AND HACHIYA CAME BY.
HUH? REALLY? WHY?
YES,
SHE DOES.
THANKS FOR LETTING US IN
THEN
UNCHER STOOD
WHAT'S THIS?
NERI DOES HAVE QUITE A FEW FRIENDS.

I TOLD YOU KYOGOKU CAME TO MEET YOU ONCE BEFORE, RIGHT?
SHE CAME TO PAY BACK THE TAXI RIDE.
IF YOU RUN, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO STILL MEET HER
MMM.
IT'S FINE.
WE PROMISED TO MEET AT THE GAME.
NERI,
YOUR FACE HAS DIRT ON IT.
HUH? REALLY?
(PFF)
(AH HA HA HA)
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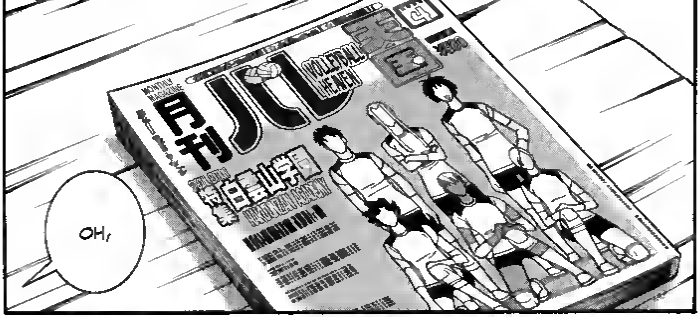
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
EH, IS THERE DIRT IN A REALLY WEIRD PLACE OR SOMETHING?


OH,

Shouldn't you have had it when you got it...?
Sorry.

THIS MONTH'S, THE HAKU'UNZAN SPECIAL...
HM? OH, HACHIYA SAID SHE'S IN IT, SO SHE LEFT IT BEHIND.

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SO YOU WERE IN A NEIGHBORING SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH NERI?
YEAH,
THAT'S WHY I HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE MATCHES WITH NERI'S SCHOOL.
WE HAD GREAT GAMES FOR FIVE YEARS.
BUT THERE WAS ONE SEASON WHEN WE COULDN'T WIN AT ALL.
WHY?

BECAUSE IN THE SIXTH YEAR, FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS,
TAKAKO YUI WAS ON NERI'S TEAM.
Takako Yui
唯 隆子
白雲山期待の帰国子女
THE HAKUUNZAN GIRL WHO HAS RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS
JOASA

TAKAKO!
JOASA

WAS SHE THAT AMAZING?
...
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SHE'S BACK..!
IS SHE SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE WHO CHANGED SCHOOLS.
Neri herself called Takako Yui a "friend."
I was a little curious as to what kind of person she was.
...and a little jealous.
OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE I HAVE PLAYED AGAINST,
THE COMBINATION OF NERI AND YUI IS THE BEST.

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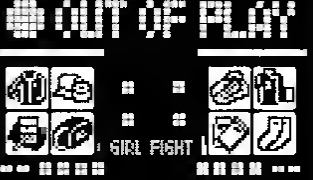

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GIRL FIGHT

I WONDER IF THEY GOT PERMISSION FROM THE SWIMMING TEAM.
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY JUST SUDDENLY TOLD US WE'RE PRACTICING AT THE INDOOR POOL.
FELLOW LADIES! WELCOME TO THE POOL COURT I SPENT ALL NIGHT MAKING!
IF YOU PRACTICE HERE, YOUR MUSCLE STRENGTH WILL GO UP, NO QUESTION, DUE TO THE WATER RESISTANCE!

AUGH, GET IN THERE!
AH!
(HA HA)
はっは?
WAIT, KYOUKO...
ARE YOU IN SUCH AWE THAT YOUR VOICES HAVE LOST ALL SOUND?
HOW ARE WE GOING TO DETERMINE WHEN THE BALL HITS THE GROUND IN A COURT LIKE THAT?
(SPLASH SPLASH)
ISN'T THIS A GREAT ATMO-SPHERE?
せいせい
IT'S HARD TO MOVE, SO THEIR PASSES WILL BECOME MORE ACCU-RATE.
HUH?
WE'LL HOLD PRACTICE HERE TODAY
THIS SEEMS QUITE INTERESTING
I CAN'T REACH!
IT'S HEAVY"
I'M SO HAPPY THERE'S NO WATER!
SOLID GROUND IS THE BEST!
SEE?
The next day, everyone felt like their bodies got lighter...

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